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In Our Next Issue

Daniel M. Daniel, continuing his series about the greatest fights of the past, will tell you all about the contest in which Jack Dempsey stopped Georges Carpentier just after World War I, at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City. He will tell how the match was made, how the Frenchman was kept in hiding during his training in this country, and how Dempsey put over the haymaker after having had a close call himself.

The fight, the first million dollar extravaganza, is a timely one for review at this stage. Carpentier, French Idol of World War I, now helping to stage fights for the American doughboys in France, was the most popular fighter who ever visited our shores from Europe. Dempsey, today's idol, has done a noble job in physical training and in morale building for the Coast Guard in World War II.

What does the end of the war in Europe mean for boxing? How will the sport fare during the next year?

If you want the lowdown, read "Nat Fleischer Says"—timely editorial comment on the news of the minute in boxing. Read what he has to say about crooked fights in California and about the loss to sports in the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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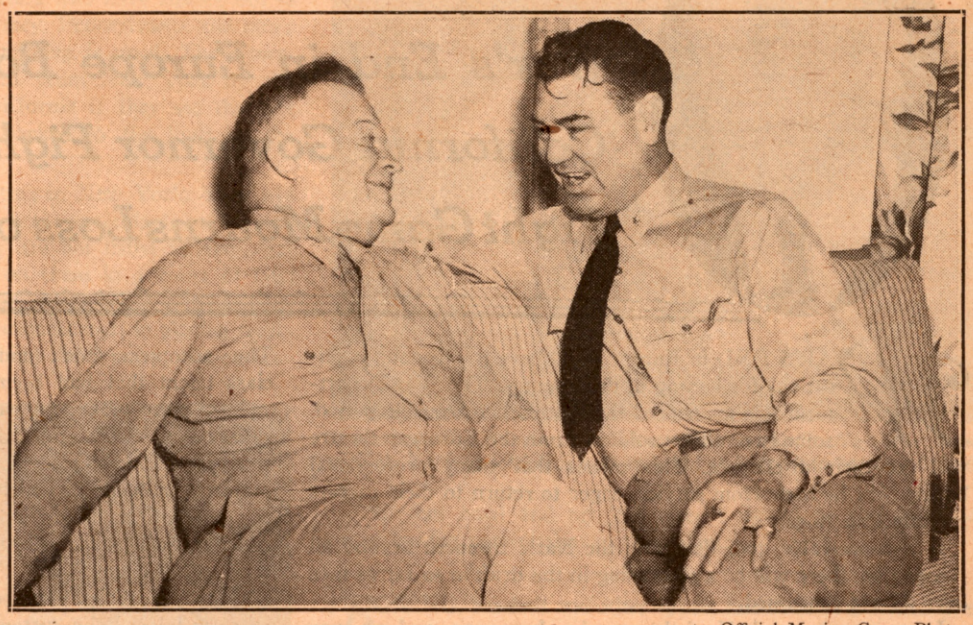
Coast Guard Commander Meets with Great Reception —Exhibits Fighting Spirit at Okinawa

By Marine Staff Sergeant Jack A. Gertz



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***OLD-TIMERS REUNITE OVERSEAS**—Comdr. Jack Dempsey, USCG (right), the athletic world's most colorful boxing figure, is shown with Marine Colonel Harvey L. (Heinie) Miller, former president and now executive secretary of the National Boxing Association. During a reunion with Col. Miller at Pearl Harbor, Dempsey recounted many early boxing experiences and praised the fighting ability of the United States Marines in the Pacific.*

TAKE it from the famous Manassa Mauler, "The United States Marines are one of the greatest bunch of kids and fighters the world has ever known."

This bow to American Leathernecks came from Commander William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey, USCGR, during a reunion held in Havana with Marine Colonel Harvey L. (Heinie) Miller, former president of the National Boxing Commission, coach and sports writer, and now a Marine paymaster.

The former heavyweight boxing champion of the world attended a luncheon given in his honor by Brigadier General L. W. T. Waller, Jr., Commanding General, Marine Garrison Forces, 14th Naval District.

Commander Dempsey, who has been touring the Pacific areas on an inspection and morale tour in his capacity as director of the U. S. Coast Guard's physical education and recreation program, summed up his impression of the Marines after reminiscing early fights officiated by Colonel Miller, one of his closest friends since 1915.

The former fight king said many of the sports stars who used to thrill boxing fans before the war with displays of gameness and aggressiveness, now are showing infinitely greater courage on the world's battle fronts with Marine and other combat services.

"I've been following the action stories about the Marines at Iwo Jima and previous operations in the Pacific," Commander Dempsey announced, "and I was with them at Okinawa. They deserve all the credit anyone can give them. They are one of the greatest bunch of kids and fighters the world has ever known.

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"THE reason for Marine supremacy in every battle in which they engage, is simple," he said. "Like expert boxers, they are given excellent advanced training. That is supported by their tradition and the determination to win, regardless."

Commander Dempsey pointed out that high examples set by Marines often inspire Navy and Coast Guardsmen who courageously man Navy ships and assault crafts and share the dangerous landings with Leatherneck assault troops.

As a roving athletic and morale factfinder, Dempsey will determine what Coast Guardsmen desire in the line of new recreation and learn what additional athletic facilities can be provided.

The story of Commander Dempsey's appearance at Okinawa with the assault troops thrilled those whom he accompanied to capture that island from the Japanese. He proved just as fearless in combat against the treacherous Nips as he did when he faced an opponent in the squared circle, only this time he shouldered a gun instead of carrying on with the padded gloves. His presence was an inspiration to the service men who idolize him. As a morale builder he is unsurpassed. The boys welcomed him at every stop. His talks, and his quiz following the showing of "Kings of the Ring" and the Dempsey vs. Willard fight picture, both prepared for him by The Ring Editor, Nat Fleischer, for the long trip that took him to the South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand and the China-Burma-India theater, received a splendid reception by the service men.

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RECOUNTING the ex-champ's 300 professional ring matches, Commander Dempsey and Colonel Miller recalled Dempsey's toughest fight. No, it was not Gene Tunney, Luis Angel Firpo, Jess Willard or Bill Brennen, but rather "Soldier" Johnny Sudenberg. He once had Dempsey on the floor nine times before Jack knocked him out.

Commenting on post-war plans, Commander Dempsey who left his native state of Colorado in 1907, plans to continue with his restaurant and hotel business in New York City, but fully intends to devote much of his time at a Colorado ranch he is planning to purchase.

"After all," Dempsey smiled good-naturedly, "remember the old adage—you can take the boy out of the country, but not the country out of the boy."

Today at 50, Commander Dempsey weighs 220 pounds. In the famous $2,658,660 gate return fight with Tunney at Chicago on September 22, 1927, the six-feet-one and a half inches Manassa Mauler, stepped into the ring weighing only 187 pounds.

Commander Dempsey who entered the Coast Guard as a Lieutenant Commander in 1942, was heavyweight champion of the world from 1919 until defeated in 1926 by Gene Tunney, who is now a commander in the U. S. Navy.

Colonel Miller, who held the Marine all-service championship (bantamweight title) back in 1906, and later won the featherweight and lightweight championship of the Far East, and coached four years at the University of Maryland where his boxing teams won three Southern Conference championships, was president and still retains his post as executive secretary of the National Boxing Commission.

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War's End in Europe Boost for Boxing

California Governor Fights Ring Crooks

Fight Game Mourns Loss of Friend in FDR

WAR'S END in Europe could have tremendous implications for boxing in this country. The War Department has announced that within a reasonable period, some two million soldiers from the European theatre will get their discharges. This means that many professional boxers will be back from service, eager to return to their careers in American rings.

It is conceivable, too, that with the Nazis trounced beyond all recognition, there will be a slackening in the draft in so far as men over 28 are concerned.

In any event, one half of the war has been won, and we may look for an important green light on sport in the United States.

Nobody here is losing sight of the vast task yet ahead of our combat forces. The fanatic Japs will be tough. But, tough or not, they will get the same dose our battlers handed out to the Germans.

Yes, America, after years of struggle and sacrifice, things are looking up!

* * *

SINCE Pearl Harbor boxing has been kept alive by youngsters, many of whom, as become evident when they were called in the draft, falsified their age to get into the pro ranks. The country was loaded with such talent. One glance at THE RING Record Book for 1945, containing the records of all who participated in two or more bouts during the past year, tells the tale.

Nearly 700 newcomers, boys who did all of their fighting during 1944, appear among the 2200 listed. In pre-war times, 700 constituted almost fifty percent of the entire professional field.

This new group doesn't measure up in standard to what ordinarily is expected of the money-chasing pugs, but it speaks for itself so far as interest in the sport is concerned. Recall the days immediately following Pearl Harbor. Remember how the pessimists shook their heads and bemoaned the fate of boxing? Remember the stories and editorials on the "doom of boxing"? Remember how promoters in fear of facing the situation when top flight boxers in all divisions were called to the colors tossed up the sponge and closed their doors, "for the duration"?

That was only three years ago! Only here and there were there a few fearless promoters, willing to place their faith in the American public as a sports loving people, willing to take a chance and keep their organizations working. They were the Giants of Pugilism who realized that boxing, in particular, would go on regardless of the war. They were the men around whom was centered "duration" boxing.

Mike Jacobs, America's foremost promoter, led the way with Herman "Mugsy" Taylor of Philadelphia, Lou Fisher and Max Waxman of Baltimore, Eddie Mack in Boston, Larry Atkins in Cleveland, Nick Londos in Detroit following his pace.

When Mike announced at the start of the war that regardless of the calibre of the available talent, he would continue his Friday night programs in Madison Square Garden, other big time promoters went along with him.

The foresight of these men has been well repaid with handsome dividends. In fact, the money simply rolled into the coffers of the promoters so that today, these men who faced the future with faith in our country and faith in the public, are sitting pretty. The public needed relaxation and boxing furnished them with it. The customers didn't mind getting substitutions for the high class talent that had been furnished them in pre-war times.

They were willing to pay for entertainment regardless of the calibre of the entertainers and strange as it might seem, they were more than repaid for the gamble they took because in the majority of bouts in which so-called mediocre talent appeared in the guise of headliners, more action was witnessed, more thrilling competition was the rule than in most of the main events prior to Pearl Harbor.

Many youngsters have been developed who should be top-flight postwar talent. The customers are satisfied with these youngsters and will continue to be until the sport comes back to normal.

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THE first state executive to attend a boxing commission meeting in any state since the sport in this country gained a legalized footing a quarter of a century ago, is Governor Warren of California. Eager to get at the bottom of charges of fixed fights hurled at fighters and managers, he sat in with the commission a few weeks ago, and declared that he wanted the boxing authorities to clean up the sport in California. He authorized the members to use the Governor's Emergency Fund for such purpose. It was the first gathering of the commission in years at the State Capitol.

"Dishonest men should not be allowed to operate in boxing," the governor said. "I understand there is no money for investigation purposes. If you want anything you must pay for it. The commission should be authorized to obtain money to keep the game clean. I will make the money available from the Governor's emergency fund. At some later day when legislative arrangement can be made, the commission can repay the money from its boxing receipts.

"I think the commission can go a long way toward cleaning up any gambling problems in the sport. This will necessitate undercover work. I have read so many reports in the press of fixed fights that I feel certain that where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. The commission must ascertain whether there have been fixed fights and who has done the fixing.

"Apparently we are faced with a bad condition in boxing. There is need for something to be done to keep the confidence of the people. After the many reports I have received, I doubt whether the boxing game is completely honest in our State.

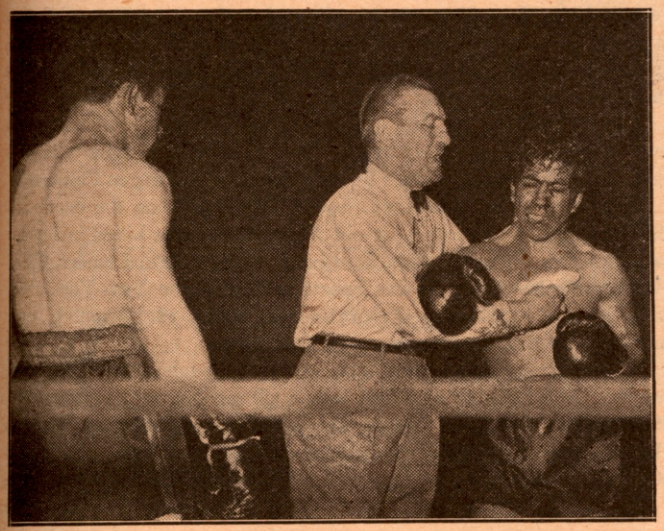
"If something is not done to correct it, receipts will fall off as the public loses confidence in the sport.

"It is unnecessary to have this serious reflection of gambling on our State. Nobody 'lays down' except for money. There is no money for such a purpose except gambling money. If the charges that fights have been fixed are true, it is gambling money behind it. This is for you men of the commission to find out. The police departments of Los Angeles and San Francisco will work with you. Hire your own private investigators. Go after the gamblers in the courts. If you cannot prove specific cases but feel your suspicions are justified, set the suspects down. This is the only language those people understand.

"But remember this, that in all cases the fight game as a whole should be given the benefit of the doubt. It is a good clean sport basically."

WELL SAID, Governor Warren! A firm hand now will put an end to the crooked manipulators who have rushed out to California from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other states to "reap a harvest" while the going is good. These men, particularly the shady element driven from New York by the police, won't remain for long in California if they see that the commission means business and is backed to the limit by the Governor and the courts.

Certain undercover men are operating in New York. They are the real managers of fighters whose bouts recently have aroused considerable criticism, but since they are not listed as the legal managers, the finger cannot be put on them in a court of law. One big-time bookie and fight manager—a character who has been involved in many mysteries, has been instrumental in placing fighters whom he controls in clubs throughout the country, and on sev-



Referee Arthur Donovan halting the bout between Humberto Zavala and Tony Janiro (left) in the St. Nicholas Arena. The end came in the fourth round after Zavala received a bad cut over the eye.

eral occasions has made a "killing" by having his odds-on-favorite "licked."

What he has been pulling off in the East, another Broadway character has been doing with fighters in California, all undercover, because he is not a registered, licensed manager in New York or in California.

Such men can be identified through the plan of investigation Governor Warren suggests. In fact, two weeks prior to Governor Warren's statement, a high official of police in Westchester County, New York, viewing a shady fight with the writer at the Westchester County Center, voiced an opinion similar to that of the California executive.

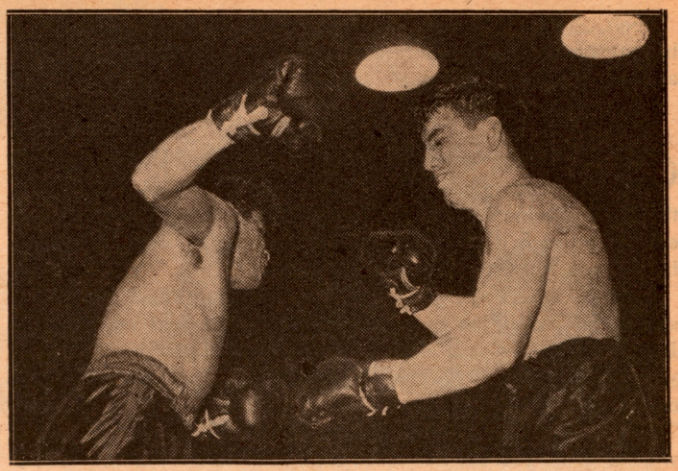
"If Commissioner Eddie Eagan wants to stamp out fixed fights in New York, he should get funds from the legislature to enable him to hire investigators. The gamblers soon would be weeded out of boxing. One good retired detective from the New York City or Westchester County Police Department, will turn the trick."

I agreed with that police official as I agree now with Governor Warren and I have agreed with the ever-trying Chief Inspector of the California Commission, Willie Ritchie, whose one-man battle against the punks of the boxing profession has earned for him nothing but abuse from those in control.

It can be done, gentlemen, and it must be done if boxing is to be saved.

Remember the old Horton Law days in New York, the days following the Gans-McGovern phoney in Chicago and the days of the shady bouts that preceded the shutdown on boxing in California for many years. It will come again if strict vigilance is not maintained. The sport is too great to be killed by the crooks.

THE RING is for stricter supervision—supervision without kid gloves.



A scene in the Ramirez vs. Schott fight in the St. Nicholas Arena of New York in which Schott stopped the Mexican in round three.

"Hit 'em hard and hit 'em often," should be the policy of every boxing commission in this country.

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BOXING, baseball and other sports lost their best friend when our late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, died. He knew sports, engaged in them, and loved to watch competition.

Even in his later years, when the dreaded infantile paralysis left its mark on him, he never lost his interest in athletics. His stand in favor of sports at a time when the nation was uncertain whether baseball and boxing should be continued, should remain as a precedent for all executives in times of an emergency.

"I honestly believe that it would be for the best interests of the public to keep baseball going. If 300 teams comprising the various leagues, use 5,000 players, these players are a definite recreational asset to at least 20,000,000 of their fellow citizens, and that, in my judgement, is thoroughly worth while."

So he spoke of baseball and a few days later, when the query was put to him about the many men in boxing who are physically fit to participate in strenuous professional fighting, yet were discharged by the Army and Navy medicos as being unfit for the various branches of the service, he remarked that he had faith in the examiners. And when queried again on the advisability of continuing boxing, he replied:

"Athletes of military or naval age should go without question, into the armed forces to serve the government but the workers should have the chance for recreation and for taking their minds off their work. Therefore, I'm in favor of continuing all sports even if the actual quality is lowered."

Like Theodore Roosevelt, the interest in sports of Franklin D. Roosevelt, was real. He was an expert yachtsman and swimmer. He was America's foremost sportsman and as such, he knew that a continuation of sport even on a curtailed basis, was beneficial to the morale of our people both at home and on the battle fields.

Sports lost a true friend when Franklin Delano Roosevelt died.

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THE display of ring generalship, nimble footwork and fine boxing by Bert Lytell against Jake LaMotta in their Boston encounter a few weeks ago, was the best the Fresno, California, boxer has shown since coming East and indicated that he will be a thorn in the side of the outstanding heavy welters and middleweights this summer. Bert lost a split decision to Jake but in the opinion of the spectators and most of the scribes in the Hub, Lytell should have been awarded the verdict.

Lytell's style is impressive and his courage is exemplary. Doc Almy, Boston boxing expert, dean of New England fight critics, veteran with a keen eye for points, scored the bout seven rounds for Lytell to three for his opponent, and Eddie Welch, another good critic, gave Jake one round less and the remainder to the loser. Said Welch of the decision: "Jake LaMotta must have thought that Sugar Ray Robinson was in the ring with him instead of Lytell." Almy remarked Lytell did far more than his opponent who landed more often in the air than against his rival.

Well, Boston is not the only city where weird decisions have been rendered of late. There have been plenty in New York, Philadelphia, Newark, Baltimore and in California.

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COUNT among the boxing heroes who have upheld the prestige of the sport on the battlefields of Europe, Asia, Africa and the South Pacific Islands, Rudolfo Salazar, winner of the novice class lightweight title of the Pacific Coast A.A.U. who is just as handy with his fists as he is with a rifle.

During his second night at Saipan he extinguished a fire that saved an ammunition dump. As a Marine he was stationed in Iceland, New Zealand, Hawaii and the South Pacific. He is 21 years old, and is now hospitalized in Oregon. He boasts among his campaign ribbons, two presidential citations, one for bloody Tarawa and the other for Saipan and he has the Purple Heart for wounds at Saipan. He has asked to be shipped back to the Pacific for more action.

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WHEN Gus Mell, nineteen-year-old Canadian, upset the dope by defeating the N.B.A. featherweight champ, Sal Bartolo, in the Boston Garden, he was heralded as the best prospect for international honors the Dominion has produced in many years. Mell won a split decision and the N.B.A. title holder is a member of the Maritime Service, whose time is not his own and who had had little training.

With that fight under his belt, Bartolo eagerly accepted a return engagement a fortnight later, and so thoroughly did the N.B.A. king avenge the defeat that they stopped talking about Mell as the outstanding contender. Mell was outclassed from the fourth to the final round.

All of which proves that men in the service cannot be expected to give their best and that the policy of the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines prohibiting their men from competing in commercial bouts, is a good one.

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THE victory of Ike Williams over Juan Zurita in Mexico City came as a shock to the Mexican fight fans but to the Americans who had seen both the N.B.A. lightweight king and Ike in action, Zurita in his Eastern contests showed so little that the prediction was made that the first good, stiff puncher the Mexican faced, would take the crown from him. That's exactly what happened.

Were the Mexicans enraged? Ask Connie McCarthy, manager of Williams, what happened. He returned to the States with a deep scar on his forehead where a beer bottle had struck him and he tells of the protection he required from the police to get to his hotel and later to his train.

Williams and his manager didn't mind the assault. They got what they went after—a title.

The 21-year-old Trenton, N. J., slugger gained the NBA lightweight championship after knocking out Juan Zurita in two rounds in the Mexican titleholder's home town bull ring. A crowd of 35,000 paid an estimated $110,000 to see the five-minute bout.

The young Negro carried the scrap to Zurita from the opening gong. The Mexican held him off during the first round but could not stand Williams' two-fisted attack to the head in the second.

When the referee counted ten over the dazed Zurita the overexcited throng milled around Williams' corner and a dozen policemen were called in to clear the square before the new 135-pound king could leave for his dressing room.

Although Zurita at 133 pounds had a two-pound advantage over Williams, he proved no match for the power-laden fists of the Trenton scrapper who was getting his first crack at a championship after five years of pro ring work.

It was Zurita's first title defense since he took the crown from Sammy Angott at Los Angeles more than a year ago, although he had lost a non-title bout to Beau Jack and appeared in numerous overweight matches.

Although Williams had stopped Dorsey Lay at Philadelphia in his last tuneup before the Zurita scrap, his last Madison Square Garden appearance was a disappointing beating at the hands of Willie Joyce, who was beaten by the aged Chalky Wright in Los Angeles two nights before Ike won his crown.

Montgomery, now in the armed service, stopped Williams in their only meeting last year and now a Williams-Montgomery return bout is in order.

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THE WAR has played some weird tricks on boxing, particularly in the comeback of bearded veterans who long ago had quit. With youngsters reaping fortunes, these vets have come forth again to do battle for the big dough that is floating about.

Tiger Jack Fox held the Methuselah spotlight until Eddie "Unknown" Winston, Boston heavyweight, decided to challenge for the ancient title. Eddie, 34-year-old Negro, surprised a packed house at the Valley Arena in Holyoke by stopping Sam Shumway in 2.31 of the first round. Winston's last fight prior to retirement, was in 1941. Now all we need is an announcement by Tony Galento that he has tossed his hat into the ring again and then the arrangement of an "All Star Card" with Fox, Nova, Winston and Galento all stumbling around the ring.

Congratulations to Jim Jeffries who recently celebrated his seventieth birthday. The former world heavyweight king is in the best of health. He continues to stage amateur boxing in California.

Sympathy to Jack Kofoed, Sports Columnist, on the death of his son, John, a nineteen-year-old Marine, who was killed in action at Okinawa. John's father for many years worked under THE RING publisher when he was Sports Editor of the New York *Sun* and later the *Evening Telegram* and today ranks among the nation's outstanding commentators on sports.

Phil Logan, Philadelphia fighter of the old school, died recently at the age of sixty-two. Phil was a clever boxer, exceptionally fast on his feet. He fought Harlem Tommy Murphy, Jimmy Briggs, Jimmy Barry, Tim Callahan, Jimmy Simister, Kid Beebe, George Decker, Chester Goodwin and Tommy Felts.

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THE best prospect seen in recent months is Tony Janiro, hard-hitting and clever welterweight who has been taking all comers into camp. He has lost at this writing, only one out of thirty-eight bouts and makes a better showing with each performance. He has reached the stage where he no longer needs to be fed on any but the best.

Billy Fox, whose induction into the army checked his string of knockout victims, is continuing his pugilistic activities at Fort McClellan. In a field of GI glovemen, among whom was Aaron Perry, Washington welter, Fox emerged the winner by whipping Perry in the finals. With Fox, Perry, Bob Montgomery, Beau Jack and Lefty Flynn, one of the ranking heavyweights, boxers in the army should muster a world-beating team to take part in the Inter-Allied championships to be staged in Paris.

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THE boxing record books next year will show that Danny Robinson, a Chicago welterweight, scored a technical knockout over Al Irwin of Minneapolis in that city on May 6—but he got an unintentional assist from Irwin's handlers.

Irwin was given a sound thrashing in the second round and when he returned to his corner his seconds began working over him. But the smelling salts, instead of reviving, blinded him, and he was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

On the day that the 38-year-old Kayo Morgan gained a victory over the hitherto undefeated Tommy Nelson in Detroit, Tiger Jack Fox came through with the knockout of Al Ware in the ninth round at Spokane, Wash. Morgan and Fox are the oldest active fighters in captivity. Each has reached his thirty-eighth birthday. All we need now to make the picture complete, is to have a few bearded men of the 1900 vintage appear in the roped square.

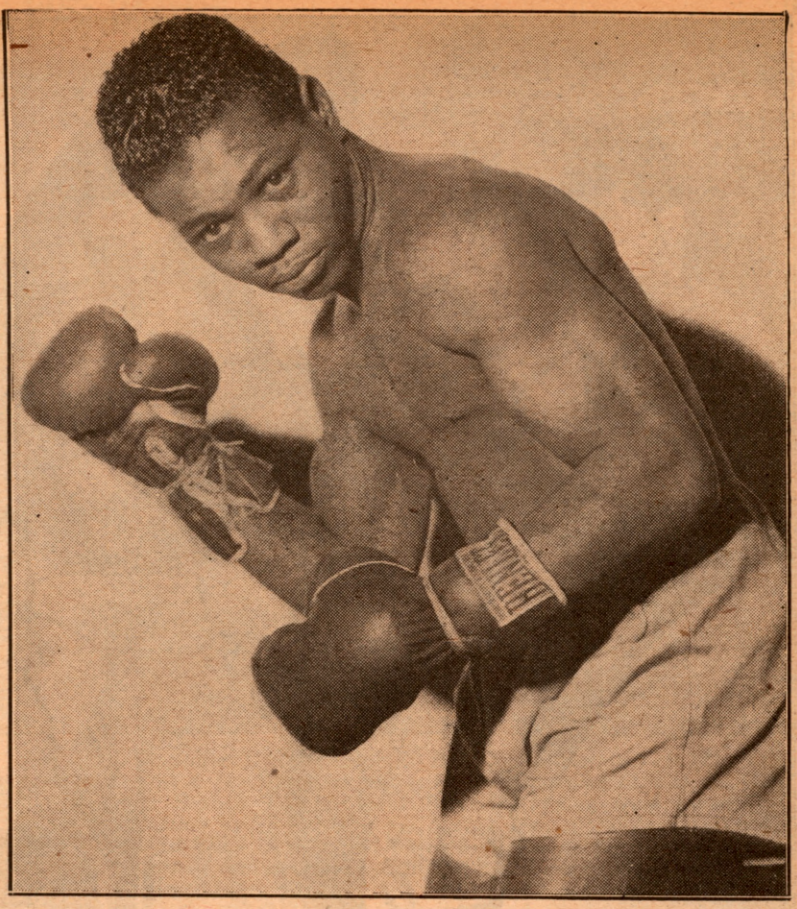
Seriously, however, both Morgan and the Tiger are showing the youngsters a few pointers on why the boys of a few years back were better than those of the present school. Kayo did a fine job against Nelson and the Tiger did likewise in disposing of Ware.

NEW YORKER an OVERSEAS "PHENOM"

Servicemen in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations Term "Sugar Cain" the Best Lightweight in Armed Forces in Europe

By

CPL. CHARLES T. SCOFIELD



Murray "Sugar" Cain of Harlem, N. Y., Mediterranean Theater's best lightweight.

ALTHOUGH today's fistic limelight is shared almost exclusively by the boys who peddle their wares to the "at home" fight addict, many of the best young hopefuls are boxing overseas in the service. Among the outstanding of the overseas crop is the 21-year-old Harlemite, Murray (Sugar) Cain, who is with the Aviation Engineers in Italy. Sugar became the Mediterranean Theater's uncrowned lightweight champion by virtue of the pummeling he handed Milton Glass, the lad who had won the title at the Allied Tournament in Rome. The boys in the Mediterranean sector refer to "Sugar" as the cream of the overseas lightweights.

Cain, who has defeated every lightweight of note in his theater of operations, and had won the Allied Lightweight Championship at Algiers in 1943 by taking the measure of Flores Desmarais, first gained recognition when, from a multitude of young aspirants, he was selected by the Joe Louis entourage to travel with the team, and box exhibition bouts with Jackie Wilson, NBA welterweight champ. After a few tiffs with Sugar, Wilson admitted that he almost dreaded getting in the ring with the Allied Champion, because it was a tough assignment. It became evident that Cain was giving the Pacific Coast welterweight a rough time of it, and George Nicholson, who was coaching the team, found it necessary to remind Sugar that he was only giving exhibitions. When the troupe left North Africa for Italy, they requested Cain be allowed to travel with them, but he was unable to fulfill this mission for military reasons.

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AS the principal theater of war migrated from North Africa to Italy, so did the troop entertainment. Cain's unit remained in Africa long after Italy had been established as the main point of operations. Boxing became idle, and Cain soon found himself devoting the bulk of his time to his Army job, and none to fighting. He therefore found himself virtually unknown and unsung when his outfit had at last moved to Italy, and he had entered the Tyrrehenian Zone Boxing Tournament. He rapidly gained the favor of the crowd by disposing of a British entry, and pulverizing the Pre-Tournament favorite, Georgie Lyons, to the extent of flooring him twice, and having him collapse at the final bell, thereby gaining the Zone Championship.

Cain moved to Rome and dusted off Thaddeus Lee, but suffered a setback when a judge handed the decision of a very close fight to the French Army's worthy, Cheriff Mamaar. Sugar was disappointed at this loss, for he felt that he could beat any man in the tournament. He later proved this when he defeated the eventual tourney winner, Milton Glass, by dropping him twice for nine counts, and gaining the nod of both judges and the referee.

Cain, not restricting his activities solely to GI warriors, has taken on and defeated the cream of the Italian crop. Among those defeated by him have been Tony Belmonte, who had been terrorizing both British and "Yank" leather purveyors with his mauling tactics. After sampling a few of Cain's choicer punches, he called it quits in the second. Giuseppe DeMartini, who had once ventured to the U. S., and had fought Henry Armstrong, also wound up on the short end of the decision, after sitting through a nine count. By taking on, and topping any, and all comers, Sugar has established himself as the most outstanding lightweight in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

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BOXING with the A.A.F. Engineer Command team has become Cain's sole duty. With fighting his full time job, and being handled by the team coach, George "Swede" Carlstedt, of Chicago, Cain will be ready to prove himself to the civilian boxing public upon his return to the U.S.A.

In a theater that has been visited by such ring notables as Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Jackie Wilson, George Nicholson, Fidel LaBarba, Larry Cisneros, Mike Montinimo, and the "Fabulous Frenchman" Marcel Cerdan, no fistic star has shone brighter than the one guided by Sugar Cain.

Watch this lad when the war ends and he returns to civilian life.

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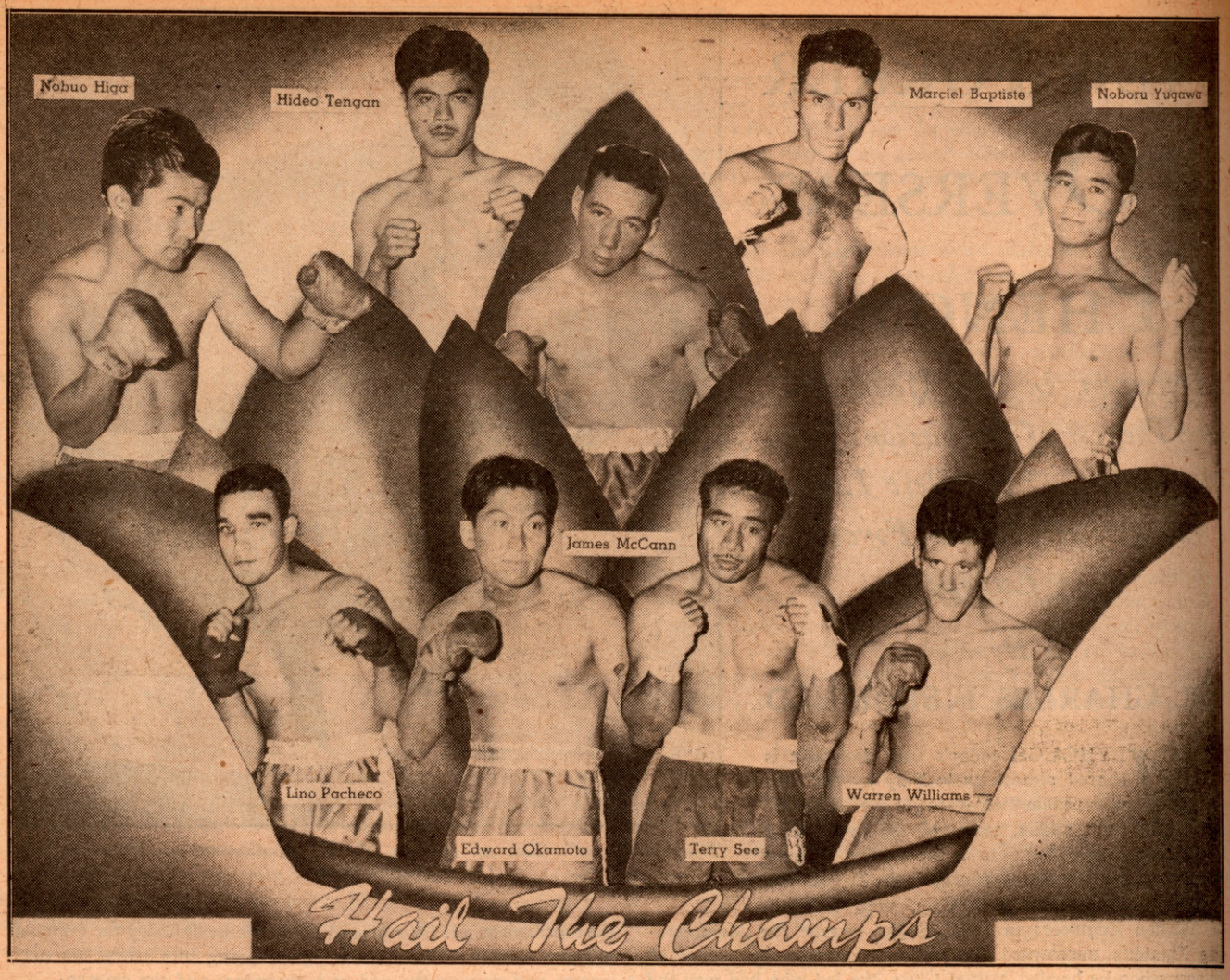

HAWAII CHAMPS CROWNED

Schofield Barracks Bowl on Famed "Night of Championships" Card Is Scene of Thrilling Action as Jim Braddock and Other Notables Look On

By MAJOR K. S. VANDERGRIFT

(Special Air Mail by Clipper to THE RING*—Hawaiian Correspondent)*

THE NIGHT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS at the Schofield Barracks Bowl in Hawaii was an outstanding success and more than 14,000 service fight fans of all branches of the Armed Services jammed the famed Hawaiian Arena to see the climatic final card. The big show of shows with nine bouts, all for Post championships, climaxed a 16 show tournament that was presented on successive Tuesday nights. The nine 1944-'45 Schofield Barracks Post Boxing Champions are as follows:

NOBUO HIGA, Honolulu, Chowhounds, bantamweight.
HIDEO TENGAN, Honolulu, Chowhounds, featherweight.
MARCIEL BAPTISTE, Kauai, Warriors, junior lightweight.
NOBORU YUGAWA, Honolulu, Chowhounds, lightweight.
LINO PACHECO, Honolulu, Warriors, junior welterweight.
EDWARD OKAMOTO, Honolulu, Chowhounds, welterweight.
JAMES McCANN, New York City, M.R.U., middleweight.
TERRY SEE, American Samoa, Warriors, light-heavyweight.
WARREN WILLIAMS, Worcester, Mass., Senecas, heavyweight.

The outstanding boxer of the 16-week tournament with a $100 war bond as a prize, was awarded to junior lightweight champion Marciel Baptiste. Marciel was by far the most colorful fighter in the tournament. He made a hit with his spectacular fighting.

The most improved boxer of the year award, a beautiful engraved trophy, went to Larry Estrella, runner-up for the Post junior lightweight crown. Larry had eight tough fights during the season but every time out showed improvement and made a gallant stand against the potent power of champion Baptiste's fists before bowing out.

Katsuyoshi Takaki, runner-up for the junior welterweight crown, was selected as the outstanding loser on THE NIGHT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS card and for that received a $50.00 war bond. After going down for nine counts in the first with only the bell saving him, and then going down for two counts in the second, he came back to drop Lino Pacheco for one no-count and two three counts in the final canto. Only Pacheco's big first rounds saved him the crown.

The fight between Takaki and Pacheco was also adjudged the best fight of the title nine and gave each fighter an added $25 war bond.

Each of the nine champions received handsome engraved trophies and $100 war bonds while each runner-up received engraved trophies and $50 bonds. Presentations were made in the ring following each bout with Brigadier General Roy E. Blount, Commander of the Army Port and Service Command, making all

presentations in bang-up style.

At intermission time General Blount presented the team championship trophy, and a special trophy for having made more points than any other team since the war, to Lt. Colonel Raymond R. Garnett, commander of the famed Engineer Chowhound battalion. Col. Garnett in turn presented the two trophies to Sgt. Tiny Tommy Muroda, co-coach of the champions, who received the awards on behalf of co-coaches M/Sgt. John Shiraishi and Pfc. Gilbert Murakami. The Chowhound coaches are all former National A.A.U. champions.

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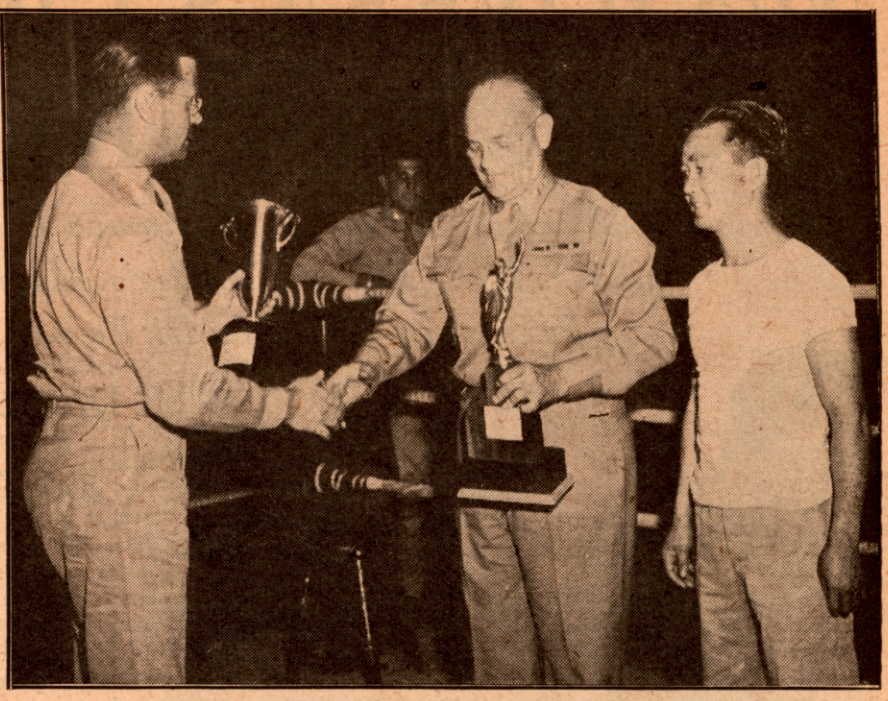
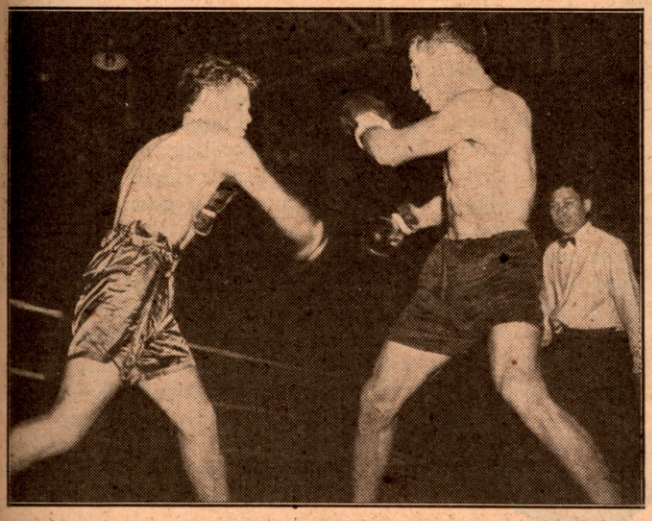
THE Post bantamweight title went to Chowhound Nubuo Higa who decisioned his teammate Walter Yamanoha. There were no knockdowns but Higa landed the more effective blows all the way.

Chowhound Hideo Tengan copped the Schofield featherweight title with a second round technical knockout over Henry Tong of the Engineers. Tong was down for nine in the first, and again for nine in the second.



Brigadier General Roy E. Blount, commander of The Army Post & Service Command, is shown presenting Lt. Col. Raymond R. Garnett the Schofield Barracks boxing team trophy and another special trophy for having won more points than any other team in Schofield Barracks war time boxing history. Col. Garnett commands the championship winning American-Japanese soldier team, the Engineer Battalion Chowhounds. After accepting the trophies Col. Garnett turned them over to Sgt. Tiny Tommy Muroda, right, former National AAU bantamweight champion and co-coach of the Schofield Post champions. The Chowhounds also copped four of the nine individual Post titles.



Sailor Jackie Dickers, left, lets go with a right at Soldier Marciel Baptiste, junior lightweight champion of Schofield Barracks. The big bout topped a 12-bout card held in the Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Bowl, with more than 14,000 fans taking in the scraps.

The last time down he was badly jarred and the towel came in to end the fight. Tong made it a sensational battle while it lasted.

Marciel Baptiste of the Warriors took the junior lightweight title with a win by a third round technical knockout over Larry Estrella. Baptiste was down for no counts in the second but was up and at Estrella to win. Larry was down for eight, nine, nine, nine with the bell saving him in the second. In the third he went out on a technical knockout after a brilliant display of the old Moxie.

The Schofield lightweight crown went to Chowhound Noboru Yugawa who won a split-hair decision over his stablemate, Jack Shiro. There were no knockdowns in the fight but both were battered and bleeding when the fight ended.

The best fight on the title card was the junior welterweight mix between Lino Pacheco of the Warriors who copped the crown and Katsuyoshi Takaki who lost out. Takaki was down for nine in the first with the bell saving him. In the second he was down for two counts but came back strong and in the third dropped Pacheco three times. The Chowhound made it a great crowd-pleasing fight and lost by a slim count. He showed considerable courage and though he took punishment, he also dished it out.

POPULAR JIMMY McCANN of the M.R.U. retained his undefeated record and annexed the Schofield Barracks middleweight title by giving Plat Summimoto of the Chowhounds a boxing lesson. McCann's left jab has been a thing of beauty all season and it paid off in the title bout. The New York City Irishman got a busted nose out of the deal but showed what champs are made of.

Terry See who two years ago was runner-up for the Schofield light-heavyweight title chalked one up for American Samoa. See copped the title with a second round knockout over McDuffie Solomon. It was Solomon's fight until the terrific right caught him flush on the noggin. A second block-buster made it a quick finish.

In the final bout, Warren Williams of Worcester, Mass., registered an upset when he outpointed Naipio Robertson to gain the heavyweight diadem. Coached by Pepper Martin, famed All-Time Schofield Barracks featherweight, Williams used his long left to continually keep Robertson off balance and keep the slugger from position.

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FOLLOWING the title card all fighters, as they did for all smokers, gathered in the Schofield Barracks Cooks and Bakers School for a banquet.

Members of the Territorial Boxing Commission, press and prominent Honolulu sportsmen were guests of Colonel Henry DuPree at a special boxing buffet following the final bout. Included in the list of guests were Vernon (Red) McQueen, Honolulu *Advertiser* sports editor; Alec Soares, Don Watson and Loui Long Hop, Honolulu *Star Bulletin* sports staff; Kenton Case, radio commentator station KGU, Honolulu; Bob Williams, Williams Sporting Goods Equipment Co.; Al Hastings, chairman of the Hawaiian Boxing Commission; and commissioners Andy Biddle, E. C. Corn and Dr. George Dobson; Commission physician, Dr. Barney Iwanaga; Commission Secretary, Tom Miles; Al Karasick, wrestling promoter Honolulu Civic Auditorium; Leo Leavitt, Honolulu boxing promotor; Theo. (Pump) Searle, manager Honolulu Stadium; Clarence Chun Hoon, prominent Hawaiian sportsman.

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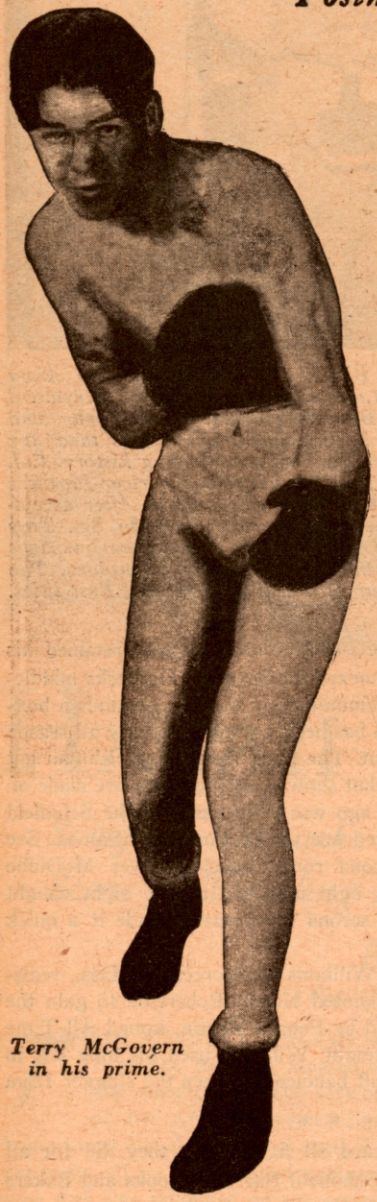
McGovern's Lightning Knockout Recalled

Gloves He Wore in First Round Triumph Over Palmer, of England, Added to Collection in Fleischer's Museum, a Gift from Postmaster Fiske, of Mt. Vernon, New York

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

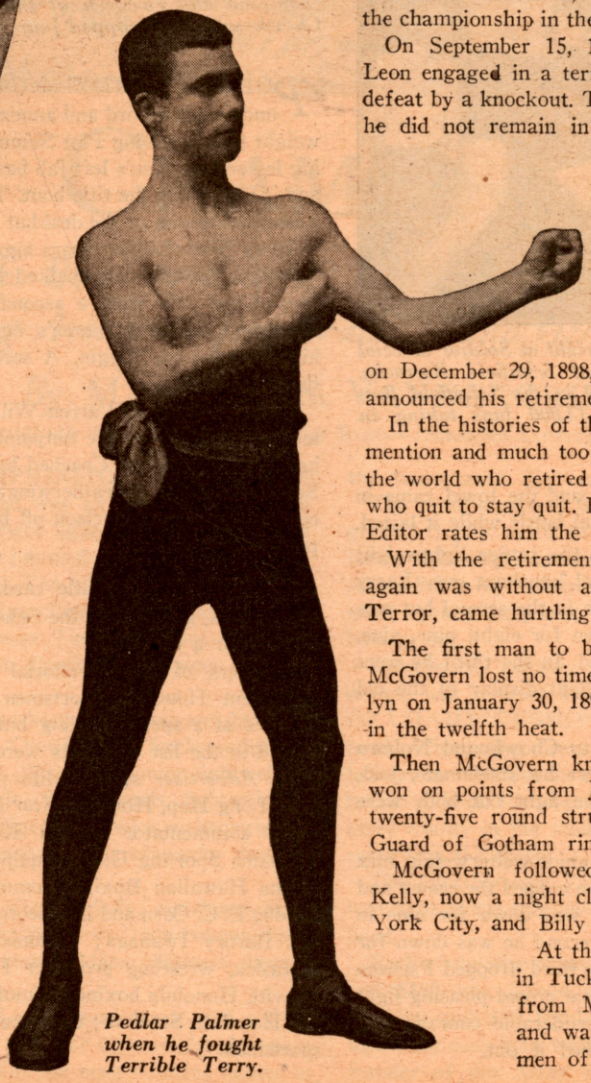


Terry McGovern in his prime.

IN the Nat Fleischer Boxing Museum which is connected with the offices of THE RING Magazine in the Madison Square Garden Building in New York, there hangs a pair of boxing gloves. They are clean—even new looking—though they were used in battle as long ago as September 12, 1899—a forty-six year interval.

Yes, those gloves still are new, because they were worn for precisely two minutes and 32 seconds.

They were used in one of the shortest fights on record for a world's title. For these were the gloves with which Terrible Terry McGovern achieved the bantamweight championship by knocking out Pedlar Palmer, of England, at Tuckahoe, N. Y., in the outskirts of Mount Vernon.



Pedlar Palmer when he fought Terrible Terry.

The gloves were given to Fleischer by Edwin Fiske, Postmaster at Mount Vernon, N. Y., who got them from his father, a great sportsman and boxing enthusiast, Edwin W., mayor of that city, with just a few administrations out from 1896 to 1923.

Let us examine the bantamweight picture as it was that September day in 1899, before McGovern and Palmer clambered through the ropes.

Palmer had made himself the standout at the weight in England, having succeeded Billy Plimmer. Walter Croot, who on December 6, 1897, suffered a twenty round knockout by the American Jimmy Barry, and died from the effects of his beating, had been succeeded by Plimmer.

In so far as the bantam situation in this country was concerned, McGovern had made himself king.

In 1892, George Dixon, Little Chocolate, having outgrown the bantam division, entered the featherweight class, leaving the championship in the lighter group open to general competition.

On September 15, 1894, at Lamont, Ill., Barry and Casper Leon engaged in a terrific 28 round battle, Leon going down to defeat by a knockout. This established Barry at the top. However, he did not remain in the game very much longer. After his victory over Croot in London, he engaged in only nine bouts, three of them with Leon, two of these 20-round draws.

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BARRY apparently had been affected by the death of Croot, and after his engagement with Leon on December 29, 1898, at Davenport, Iowa, the Chicago fighter announced his retirement.

In the histories of the ring, Barry has received only too small mention and much too little credit. For here was a champion of the world who retired unbeaten. And here, too, was a champion who quit to stay quit. He never attempted a comeback. THE RING Editor rates him the Number One bantam of all time.

With the retirement of Barry, the bantamweight title once again was without an owner, and McGovern, the Brooklyn Terror, came hurtling into the picture.

The first man to beat for the title on this side was Leon. McGovern lost no time in taking him on. They fought in Brooklyn on January 30, 1899, and Terrible Terry scored a knockout in the twelfth heat.

Then McGovern knocked out Patsy Haley in eighteen, and won on points from Joe Bernstein, a tough New Yorker, in a twenty-five round struggle that still is a topic among the Old Guard of Gotham ring enthusiasts.

McGovern followed with knockout triumphs over Sammy Kelly, now a night club boniface in Greenwich Village in New York City, and Billy Barrett.

At this time the Westchester A.C. was launched in Tuckahoe, N. Y., just over the boundary line from Mount Vernon. It was an outdoor arena and was a popular gathering place for the sportsmen of New York City and Westchester County

OUT in the West a new contender had developed, in the person of Johnny Ritchie. The Tuckahoe club decided to import Johnny and put him on with McGovern. Ritchie had a fine left hand, and in the first round gave Terry some trouble with his jab.

In the second, McGovern came near finishing the Westerner with a right to the body, which put him down. In the third, McGovern stopped his man with a left to the stomach and a right to the jaw.

This made McGovern ready for the effort to follow in the footsteps of Barry, and make himself the world title holder, as well as the American champion.

Tuckahoe was ready for this fight. Negotiations were started with Peggy Bettinson, in London, for a McGovern-Palmer battle for the world's bantam title.

Palmer had visited this country in January, 1896, and had fought a six-round draw with Dixon, who had set himself up as the featherweight king. Palmer was outweighed, but was a skilled boxer and had little trouble holding the Negro even.

This aroused a clamor for a return fight, and then followed a lot of feinting and side stepping between Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's manager, and Doc Ordway, New York representative of the National Sporting Club of London, which sought Little Chocolate and the Pedlar for a battle for the world's featherweight championship, in London.

O'Rourke wasn't any too sure about Dixon's ability to win from Palmer, and refused to let the Negro go back to England. He wanted the fight held in New York. Dixon had beaten Nunc Wallace in London and had impressed England as a "British type" boxer.

While O'Rourke and Ordway were sparring around, Sam Harris, McGovern's manager, got an idea. Why not make Terrible Terry the bantam champion of the universe? Why not sneak in and grab Palmer for McGovern?

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THAT'S how it all happened. While O'Rourke and Ordway kept up their negotiations, Harris and Bettinson arranged for Palmer's return here for a twenty-round battle on September 11, 1899, at Tuckahoe.

Bettinson grabbed the fight with McGovern in preference to the American engagement with Dixon because he was convinced the Negro was much the more able fighter, and felt that Palmer would have an easy time outboxing the headlong-rushing McGovern.

Bettinson's plan called for a Palmer cleanup against Terry, then a battle with Dixon, and a British fighter holding two titles in the world arena.

The crafty Harris, on the other hand, said to himself, "I know McGovern can whip Dixon. I also know he should not continue to weaken himself training down to the bantamweight limit. I am going to make McGovern the featherweight title holder, Dixon or no Dixon, Palmer or no Palmer."

Joe Humphreys had come into the McGovern camp as Sam's advisor, and was to continue in that association for the length of Terry's ring career.

As things turned out, Bettinson was all wrong, and Harris was all right.

Palmer and his entourage came over in swank and established headquarters at Mamaroneck.

McGovern, then the most talked about fighter in the United States, set up camp at McElroy's, a roadhouse on Jerome Avenue in New York City, close to the site of the Yankee Stadium.

At the meeting to arrange matters for the fight, George Siler was agreed on as referee. Al Smith was stakeholder, Sam Austin was Terry's time-keeper, Ordway acted for Palmer, and Johnny Pollock for the club.

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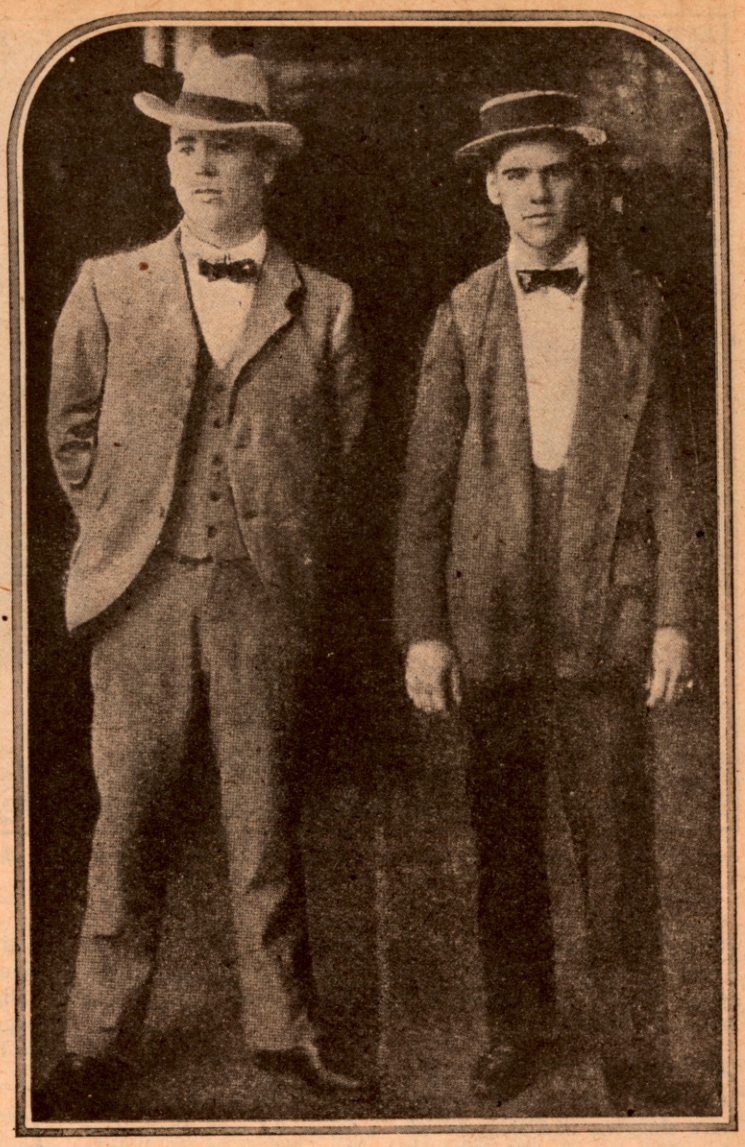
The advance sale for the battle was remarkable. However, the management suffered a terrible blow, for on September 11, there was a hard rain storm. The Tuckahoe arena being out in the open, the fight had to be postponed.



Palmer (left) and McGovern posing when the contracts were signed.

THE following afternoon the races started at nearby Empire track, and many of those who had bought tickets for the fight decided that the horses were more attractive, and the management had to refund as much as $21,000.

At that, there was a crowd of 10,000 fans when McGovern and Palmer entered the ring.

In a house overlooking the arena, in a second story window, sat Mrs. McGovern, holding her two months' old baby.

In the trees around the arena perched hundreds of youngsters, who saw the fight for nothing.

Into the ring for the customary introductions came Jim Corbett, John L. Sullivan, Kid McCoy, Bob Fitzsimmons, Tom Sharkey and Jack McAuliffe. It is doubtful if at any other fight so many ring celebrities were in attendance.

Dixon and Oscar Gardner shot challenges at the winner, whoever that worthy might be, and the scene was all set for the struggle.

Ringside betting made Terry the choice, at 4 to 5. The experts figured it was McGovern's knockout wallop against Palmer's boxing skill, and they thought the punch had a shade the better chance. They figured McGovern would win early, but if he failed to land, would be outpointed.

Yes, the dopesters calculated Terry would win early. But nobody looked for the early finish that made this one of the most remarkable engagements in the history of title competition in this country.

Palmer came into the ring first, attended by Sam Blakelock, Jim Ball and Jeff Thorne. Then came McGovern, and the band

Sam Harris, manager of McGovern, trailing Terry on the road when the Brooklyn Terror was training for his bout with Palmer.

broke into the national anthem. Sam Harris, Al McMurray and Charley Mayhood attended Terrible Terry. As he sat in his corner he located his wife in that second story window, and waved his hand to her.

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RING history is full of all sorts of peculiar things. It presents startling cases of boxers who suddenly decided they were sluggers, and sluggers who were seized with the notion that they were masters of craft and cunning.

Palmer was a boxer. He was not a great hitter. McGovern was one of the hardest hitters for his weight in the history of the ring.

Palmer had read, in the New York papers, about his lack of hard punching ability, especially as compared with McGovern's, and he must have rankled underneath his calm exterior. He would go out and show the Yankee who could hit, and how.

In short, the clever Pedlar cast generalship and caution to the winds, and at the opening gong, went out to hit with McGovern. That must have amazed Terry and his handlers. It was just what the McGovern camp had wanted, but never had dreamed this could come true.

McGovern sat in his corner as cool as if he were waiting for a street car. Usually excited, the Brooklyn hitter this time was calm, and just loaded with confidence.

The bell rang, and they came to the center of the ring. Palmer offered a left and Terry wasn't there to take it. The Pedlar presented a second left and again McGovern made him miss.

Palmer fell over and clutched at McGovern's legs. The Briton went to his knees. McGovern calmly allowed Palmer to get back to his feet. He never made a move.

However, at once the storm let loose. Terry came charging into Palmer like an enraged bull and hit him with everything but the water bucket.

Lefts and rights, to the head and the body. Over against the ropes went the Pedlar.

Instead of meeting this attack calmly, and boxing himself out of the situation, Palmer elected to fight it out with the American. Of course, this was a mistake. Later Palmer said he had been taken by surprise. Nonsense. He knew the sort of fighter McGovern was, and doubtless had planned what he would do if the rushing Terry stuck to type.

However, Palmer tried to slug with the Brooklyn bantam, and quickly the Briton must have realized that he was lost.

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IN the thick of the fighting, the bell rang. Johnny Pollock, at the gong, had got excited and permitted the hammer to drop. Referee Siler realized there had been a mistake and ordered the fighters to resume. This interlude took fifteen seconds out. But it had no bearing on the battle.

McGovern went back at his flailing process. He charged his man into the ropes. Palmer bobbed and weaved, he dodged and blocked, all to no avail. He took terrific punishment. A hard left hook to the jaw sent the Pedlar down.

Actually, Palmer was out. He tipped this when he took only six seconds instead of nine. His underpinning wobbled like a couple of rubber stems. He arose only to face that terrible man again, and Palmer tried to grab him about the body. But McGovern wrenched himself free and continued handing it out.

A left to the stomach set Palmer up for the knockout. A right overhand to the jaw finished him. Down went the British champion.

No simple knockout, this! Palmer had been hurt. He made pain-filled grimaces as he rolled over on his side. Try as he would, he could not get himself up. His arms were only futile braces against the canvas. As Siler tolled "Ten," Palmer still was down. His seconds picked him up and carried him to his corner.

Then the 10,000 onlookers realized what had happened. Why, Terrible Terry was champion of the world! He had stopped the best England could offer at the weight, and had done it in less than a round. In two minutes and 32 seconds, to be exact.

Big, fat, old John L. Sullivan was the first in the ring and congratulated McGovern. He led Terry over to Palmer, and the Briton grinned mechanically as he took his conqueror's hand.

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IT was a great victory, but hardly one of the classic fights of ring history because it was all over before it really had got started. Why, only three weeks later McGovern met Fred Snyder in a Philadelphia six-rounder.

McGovern was in demand all over the United States, and followed with eight fights in which he scored an early knockout every time:

Billy Rotchford, out in the first, in Chicago; Patsy Haley, ditto in ditto; Billy Smith, out in the third, also in the Windy City; Eddie Sprague, stopped in the second at Hartford, the city in which Terry was destined to meet his Nemesis, in the fight with Young Corbett; Jim Corbett, Jr., a two-round victim in Chicago; Charlie Mason, a similar victim in Cincinnati; Freckles O'Brien, a first round dismissal, in that same city; and Harry Forbes, knocked out in the second in New York.

Then, on January 9, 1900, McGovern went back to serious business and in the eighth round of their battle in New York stopped George Dixon, and became the featherweight champion. McGovern gave Little Chocolate a terrific beating, Tom O'Rourke throwing in the sponge to save the Negro from a possible fatal beating.

On November 28, 1901, McGovern's short reign was ended by Young Corbett in the second round at Hartford. On March 31, 1903, Corbett repeated, in the eleventh round at San Francisco. McGovern had burned himself out, all too quickly.

To be sure, McGovern stopped Tommy Murphy in the first heat on October 18, 1905, in Philadelphia. But Terrible Terry, who had started out as a hand in a Brooklyn lumber yard, had shot his bolt. He was through.

Terry was only 38 when he died on February 26, 1918, of pneumonia. He had caught a severe cold refereeing soldier bouts at Camp Upton during World War No. I. *(Continued on page 29)*

Members of the 8th Regiment Boxing Team at Camp Croft are pictured above—From left to right (front row): Kennedy, Phila., Pa., Frankie Swiston, Baltimore, Md., Jim Laskey, Baltimore, Md., Don Bartholomew, Leighton, Pa., Tommy White, Philadelphia, Freddie Lee, Hawaii. Rear row: T/Sgt. Nestor, ass't boxing inst'r, Jackson Heights, N. Y., Bud Krager, Baltimore, Md., Baby Wood, Charlottesville, Va., Frank Pasaluk, Philadelphia, Bretschneider, Philadelphia, Charlie Backofen, Rockville, Conn., Whitey Seadeek, Sodus, N. Y., Joe Hirczo, Pittsburgh, Captain Piteri, boxing instructor, and Lt. Murdock, Special Service Officer.

Boxing Fever Runs High at Croft

By PVT. J. D. PLUNKETT

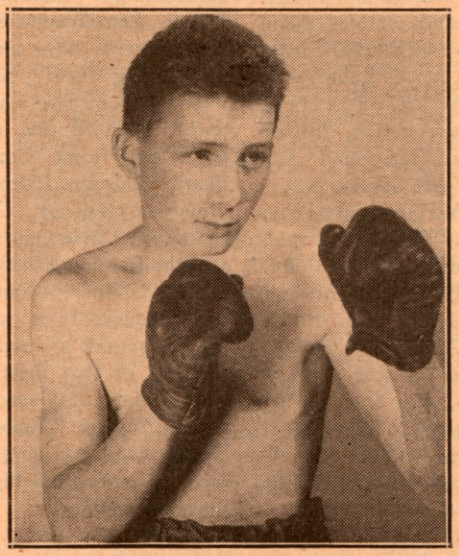
IF you chanced to walk by a small white building in the 27th Battalion area of Camp Croft, South Carolina, undoubtedly you would hear the rhythmic slap-slap of leather against leather punctuated occasionally by the sound of a bell or a voice saying, "keep that left up; that's it, sidestep," for this small white building is the Regimental gym where the 8th Regimental Boxing Team trains.

But before discussing the team itself, perhaps it would be well to mention the men behind the scenes and what they have done to foster and promote boxing at Camp Croft, to the high lead it now holds, especially in the 8th Regiment.

Boxing as a competitive sport was at a low ebb several months ago—that is before the arrival of a good looking little chap with an engaging Irish smile and a yen for boxing. This chap is T/Sgt. William Nestor. T/Sgt. Nestor boxed in the bantamweight class in Hawaii in pre-Pearl Harbor days and was always in boxing circles. He is the nephew of Eddie Harvey and the late Charlie Harvey, managers of men like Owen Moran, Steve Hamas, and many others.

After serving three years in the South Pacific, the sergeant returned to the States and was stationed at Camp Croft. Upon his arrival, he got together with Colonel Quinn, 8th Regimental Commander, who realized how boxing develops agility, courage, aggressiveness and quick thinking, and who is an ardent fight fan, and with his permission and whole-hearted support, began to build boxing up to the heights it has reached at Croft.

The first group of boxers under T/Sgt. Nestor's charge were all green boys, but he patiently worked with them night after night teaching them all he knew. When the Regimental bouts were held, his club took seven out of nine decisions and walked away with the laurel wreath. Nestor was tireless in training his boys, and he was well repaid.



Pictured above is Irish Tommy White, 18-year-old, 126-pound scrapper who is called by all who have seen him, the most promising novice boxer in Camp Croft ring history.

SINCE that auspicious beginning, Captain James Piteri, a former paratrooper who studied boxing for fifteen years under John Vacca, came into the picture as an instructor. He threw his weight into the effort and the combination of Nestor and Piteri has built a well-organized boxing machine that runs as smooth as clockwork.

Each night special P.T. is given which develops the muscles most needed in the ring. After P.T., the men are instructed in boxing under the guidance of T/Sgt. Nestor and Captain Piteri. While an occasional "Pro" may come out for the team, 95% of the men never pulled on a glove before. This is the type of fellow the sergeant and captain are interested. Each man is allowed to develop his own particular style, and the instructors keep a constant watch improving the pupil's better points and eliminating his faults. First a newcomer is taught all the preliminary phases such as proper stance, correct way to throw jabs and right crosses, elementary footwork, and ways to defend and attack. When he has mastered these, he then learns inviting hooks and advanced footwork.

Colonel Quinn has seen to it that the gym is completely and modernly equipped, so that nothing is lacking to hinder anyone who really wants to learn. There is an abundance of light and heavy bags, head gear, skip ropes, gloves and both indoor and outdoor rings.

The period of training ranges from four to six weeks before a man makes his first public appearance. When a boxer is finally conditioned enough physically and mentally to appear, special emphasis is placed on proper matching. To avoid any injuries whatsoever, the men are closely observed and matched as evenly as possible. This not only protects the fighters, but insures good bouts for the spectators through which keen rivalry is developed between boxers and between the ringsiders themselves. *(Continued on page* 15)

"HARD ROCK" REGION *of* ONTARIO HIT HARD *by* CASUALTIES

By L/CPL. "BUCK" KYLE

Pte. Pecco Marceau, North Bay middleweight, overseas since early in the war.

Flight Sgt. Gordon Dudley, missing after operations against the enemy. North Bay fighting featherweight.

FROM the huge, rich, but scantly populated "hard-rock" region of Northern Ontario, a "hot-bed" of boxing and wrestling comes this tribute, to its nearly one hundred per-cent enlistment, of its boxers and wrestlers, in Canada's Fighting Service. The high list of supreme sacrifice of these fine boys, shows how the flower of manhood of Northern Ontario have led the way. Sportsmen, splendid athletes, most of them have become war casualties on the battlefields of Europe, some never to return. They died in the service of their country.

The five big towns of Northern Ontario: Sudbury, Timmins, North Bay, Kirkland Lake and Sault Ste Marie—along with boys from intermediate points, all contributed to Canada's fighting needs.

The heroic exploits of Squadron Leader "Bert" Houle, D.F.C. and bar, Africa Star, C.O., member of the famous "City of Windsor" squadron, the dare-devils of the R.C.A.F., and former Sudbury wrestler; Flying Officer Les Anderson, D.F.M. and Cpl.; "Dick" Boyle, M.I.D. for tank-busting in Italy, are well-known in Canada. Their feats constitute a great chapter in the deeds of the Canadian Army overseas.

The Supreme Sacrifice—all killed in action—has been made by rugged heavy Pte. Ambrose "Tiger" Stevens of North Bay; Flight Sgt. Jack Lown of Coniston, former 175-pound champion of Northern Ontario; Pte. "Denny" Mahoney, popular Kirkland Lake middle; "Hughie" Rock, Kirkland Lake feather and F/Sgt. Gordon Dudley, North Bay middle.—All Canada salutes them.

Into the R.C.A.F. from Kirkland Lake went "Manny" Gerovitch, wrestler; F/Sgt. "Stew" Gordon, 135-pound Pacific Coast, Army, Navy, R.C.A.F. champion; L/AC "Fitz" Fitzgerald, now discharged; P.T.I. Sgt. Herb Dyment and from North Bay, F. O. Les Anderson, now a prisoner of war in Germany; P. O. "Shep" Mayer, colorful light-heavy and former Toronto Maple Leaf hockey player and Gord Schmalz, former Canadian welter champion. Each made an indelible mark in Canada's contribution to the war.

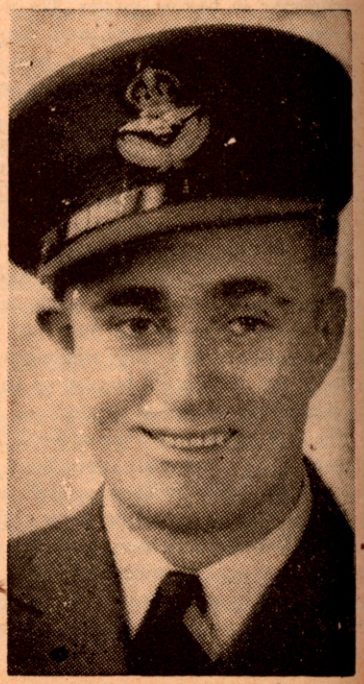
Into the Canadian Navy went colorful Gordie Boivin; "Tiger" Chabonneau; Mike Miller; Alec Sandulo; Sudbury fighters: Pat Marceau, North Bay feather; Barney Thibault, middleweight, of Timmins and Reg Woods, Kirkland Lake boxer, whose fighting days are over. His right arm was blown off in action with the Merchant Marine.

Northern Ontario boys in the Army include R.S.M. George James, Sgt. Vernon Woods, Capt. Dan Casey, "Dick" and "Bill" Boyle, Benny Trudel, Dan Vahey, "Babe" Thompson, just home on leave from Italy. "Pecco" Marceau, Alec Deschamp former Northern Ontario heavy champ, now discharged and in hospital in Kirkland Lake with a broken back; Lt. Henry Hoskins and Lt. Len Vickers.

Along with Promoter "Buck" Kyle, now an M.P. in the Canadian Provost Corps, No. 32 Coy, North Bay, went Cpl. Don Cameron back from Italy with four wounds; big Archie Smith; Chas. "Kid" Martin in Italy; "Gentleman" Russ McCarthy. Canadian Army Overseas Lightweight Champion, now in Holland; Johnny Ross; "Red" Flesher; Billy Metcalfe; "Young" Wolfe; Harvey Mathe; tough Mike Nazar; "Pit" Dubois; "Rudy" Epp; Johnny Belanger; Stanley O'Hagen and twice wounded, North Bay's popular "Scoop" Lalonde, who has returned to action.

Canada's professional middleweight champion, L/Cpl. Len Wadsworth, led Timmins boys along with "Big Boy" Simmons; Maurice Duciaume; Neil Butler and from "Soo" went "Coast-guard" Harden Palmer; Jimmy Bradley; Carl Halliday; Davie Quarrell and the fighting Delabbio family, "Bud", Panco, and Stanley. It is with sincere regret we report the loss of that fighting son of that grand sportsman, Promoter "Tupper" Tombs, who was missing on his twenty-fifth flight over Germany.

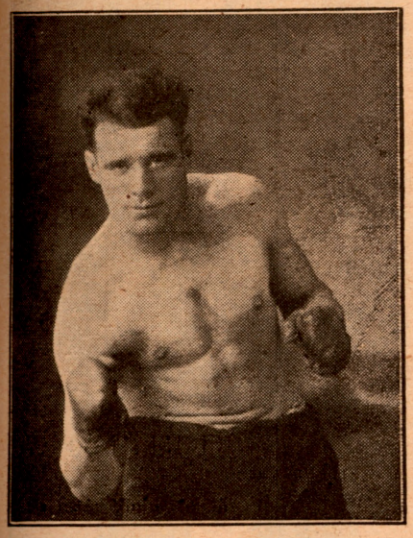
Buck Kyle, promoter in Northern Ontario, now an MP with Canadian Provost Corps.



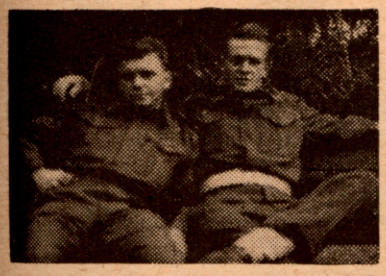
Flight Sgt. Jack Lown, former Northern Ontario light-heavyweight champ, killed in action with the R.C.A.F.

He was with the R.C.A.F.

Some are gone, but they'll never be forgotten. These grand boys, boxers and wrestlers of the "Hard Rock" Canadian region, all of whom enlisted when their Mother Country called for the flower of her manhood, stand before us as a tribute to clean sport.



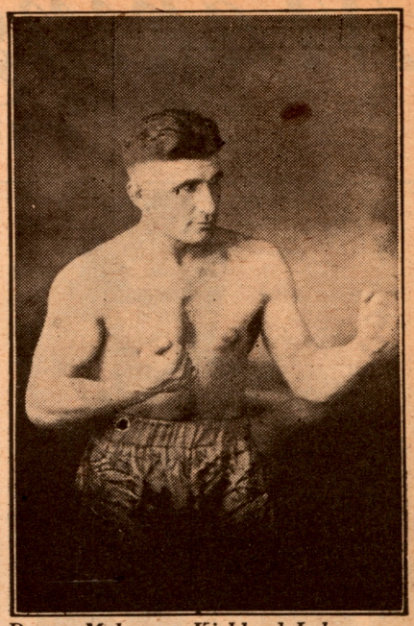
Rugged "Hughie" Rock, Kirkland Lake feather, killed in France.



Cpl. Lionel "Scoop" Lalande, wounded in France but returned to action. Popular North Bay featherweight.

Squadron Leader Bert Houle, D.F.C. and Bar, member of the famous City of Windsor Squadron.

Pvt. Ambrose Stevens, heavyweight from North Bay, killed in action.



Denny Mahoney, Kirkland Lake popular middleweight who made the supreme sacrifice, killed in action.

Petty Officer, Leo "Tiger" Chabonneau, Canadian Navy, former popular Sudbury boxer.

Flying Officer Les Anderson who won the distinguished Flying Medal for heroic rescue of companions after plane had been downed in ocean. North Bay colorful boxer.

Boxing Fever Runs High

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Another good point in matchmaking of this kind is that the boxers, inexperienced as they may be, know they are pitted against men of equal calibre and in this way always put on a 1-A performance.

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THERE are several men on the roster who have done exceptionally well in the short time they have boxed. One is Danny "Stoneface" Lohnes, 175-pound hard-hitting left jab artist from Boston. Another is Sherman "Whitey" Seadeek, a middleweight from Sodus, N. Y., with the kick of a mule in his right hand, while in Jim Laskey, Baltimore middleweight stylist, we have the "Gentleman Jim" of the team. In the light-heavy bracket, Cal Blonz, sturdy puncher from Altoona, Pa., Hal Centor, stocky Bronx, N. Y., lad, and Danny Sidelnick, clever boxer from Pittsburgh, all show great promise.

Paul Picotti, a fast-moving heavyweight who hails from Pittsburgh, is another boy who looks very good. All these boxers are young, but with experience they should come along nicely.

The boy who is probably the most popular with the fisticly inclined here, is little Irish Tommy White, a scrapping 18-year-old, 126-pound kid from Philadelphia. Whitey never had a glove on before entering the service, and in the space of a few months, has built himself a reputation as one of the classiest boxers in Camp Croft's ring history. He's a natural fighter. He hits like lightning with either hand and infighting is his specialty. To date he has not dropped a decision.

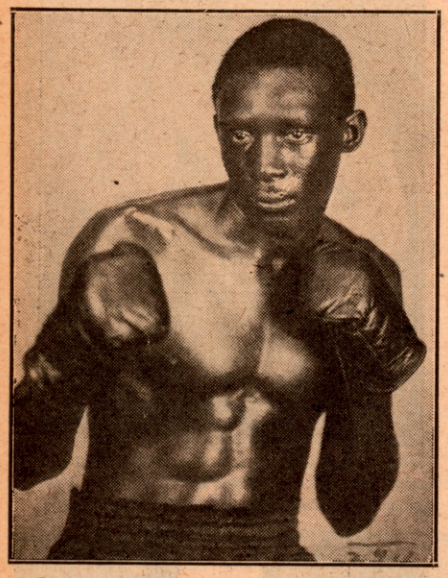
Every month the team gives two exhibitions in the Red Cross hall of the Station Hospital for the boys on sick list. These bouts are enthusiastically received by both the rehabilitation patients and the hospital personnel alike. They not only provide excellent entertainment for the men who are being reconditioned for active service, but also give the boys a chance to get the feel of performing before a crowd. While no decisions are ever rendered in these matches, as they are purely exhibitions, the men from the 8th Regiment never fail to put on a bang-up show.

ONCE a month the club stages bouts in either the main field house or in the outdoor arena, weather permitting. These shows draw huge crowds which include both officers and GI's of every rank and grade from Major General John H. Hester, IRTC Commander, down to the lowliest yardbird. The popularity of these exhibitions has been growing continually until now the attendance is past the capacity point. Additional seats are being installed to accommodate the overflow mob which is anticipated for the coming Regimental bouts which are held annually each spring and always are well attended.

There are several men who have worked in conjunction with T/Sgt. Nestor and Captain Piteri to make the 8th Regimental leather tossers the sparkling team they are today. Besides Colonel Quinn, there are Major Norbett A. Theodore and Major Luther O. Hinson, who act as judges in all bouts; Lt. Benny Remmer, referee; Medical Officer Captain Wecksell; Announcer S/Sgt. Joe Burns; and timekeeper Sgt. Lou Morris. Lt. Murdock, Regimental Special Service Officer, takes care of all administrative details, while Private J. Donald Plunkett handles publicity.

Making Strides

By HARVEY THORNE



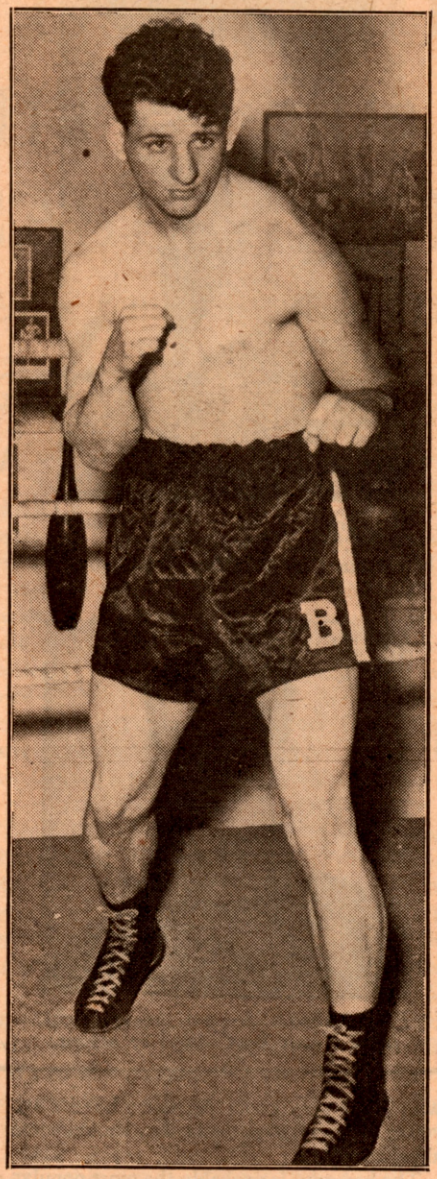
Leonard Ceasar, classy New Orleans featherweight.

LEONARD CEASAR

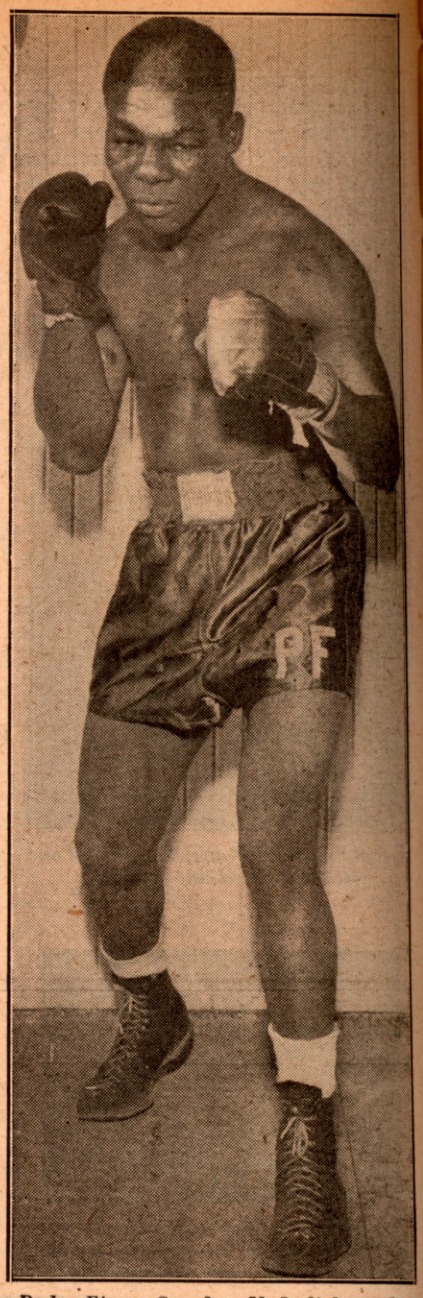
NEW ORLEANS fight fans are watching closely the progress of a young Negro lad, Leonard Ceasar by name, whose spectacular rise in the fistic world has made him one of the outstanding fighters in his class in the South. Leonard has engaged in many contests and has rolled up an excellent record. As an amateur he won 44 consecutive bouts, 35 by the kayo route and nine by decisions. Since he turned pro, he has fought at this writing 38 times and has scored 30 knockouts and won his other bouts by decisions. He scales 128 pounds and is a fast, two-fisted fighter who has a fine defense and is excellent on the attack.

Ceasar started his boxing pro career in the Navy, from which he was discharged because of a broken eardrum due to a torpedo explosion. He survived two torpedo accidents. He is fast and moves about the ring gracefully. While in the Navy he fought at the famous Queensberry Club of London, where he beat Brown Lee of the British Royal Navy and stopped Johnny Pitts of Blackpool in the final round of a sensational bout.

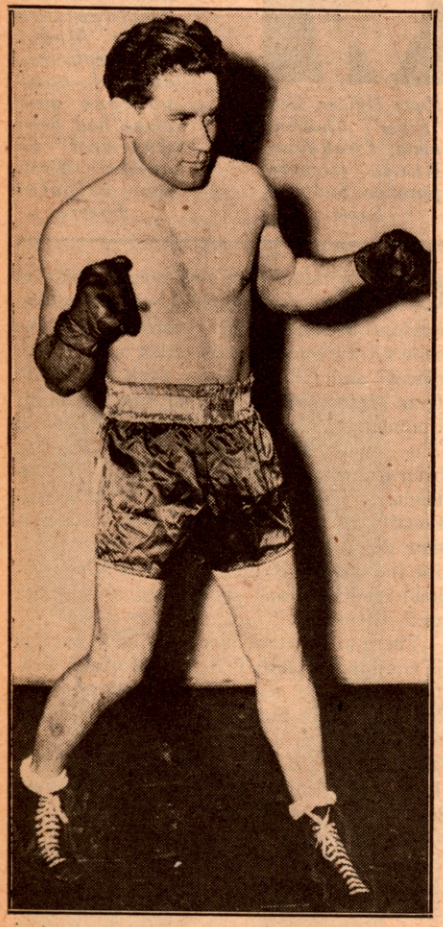
In Colon, Panama, he beat Marcos Zorillo, and in Havana he trounced Baby Diaronomo in ten rounds. In New Orleans he has licked every lad his weight and a number scaling well into the lightweight class. He has won over Melvin Bartholomew, Sylvester Williams, Charles Alex-



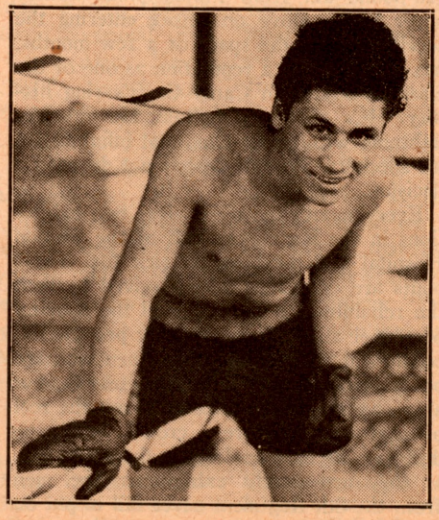
Del Cockayne, Pinkie George's star lightweight.



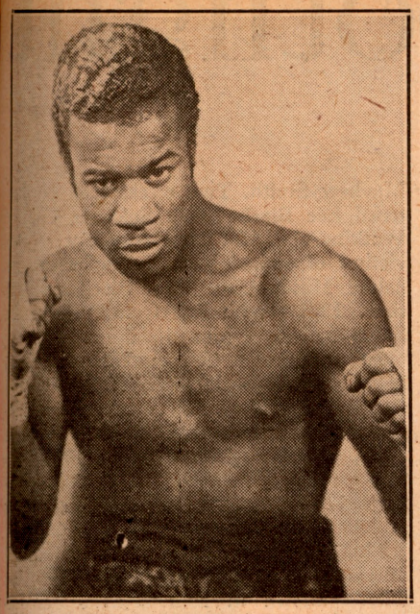
Pedro Firpo, Camden, N. J., lightweight.



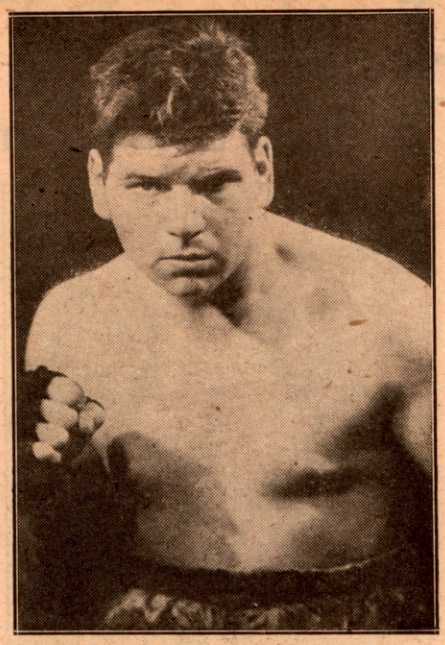
Alfie Harrig, Syracuse lightweight, recently discharged from Air Corps as a lieutenant.



Ralph Lara, California lightweight.



Ralph Walton, Montreal lightweight, who is handled by Russ Leighton and Mireault. Ralph lost in 10 rounds to Willie Pep at Hartford last January. He has won five of his eight fights this year.



Schoolboy Jerry Berthiaume, a light-heavyweight from Montreal, who had a good record last year but has run into hard luck this year, losing both his fights, one by disqualification and the other via the kayo route. Both were with Tuffy Reed.

Frank Sweeney, former A.A.U. middleweight K.O. artist, who is joining the army. Frank is a favorite in the Capital. He has all the earmarks of a good fighter.

ander, Joe Brown, Adolph Anderson, and handed a licking to Holman Williams' protege, Johnny Rhodes. He also scored a one-round kayo over Ringer "The Kid," and stopped Joe Miller, stablemate of Manuel Ortiz, bantam king, in four rounds. He dropped Miller three times. Ceasar looks like one of this year's best finds.

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ALFIE HARRIG

ALFIE HARRIG, crack Syracuse welterweight, recently honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps, where he was a first lieutenant, has been making rapid strides up the pro fistic ladder.

Alfie has engaged in six paid-to-sock battles and won them all by knockouts. An aggressive, free-swinging youngster, Harrig's club-fighting style has earned him a host of followers in central New York rings.

The former officer compiled four of his six kayo wins in Binghamton. He halted Aston Rice in two; Eddie Anderson in three; Aston Rice again in four, and put away Paulie Wilson in six rounds.

It took Alfie only five rounds to stow away Bobby Larkin at Albany and just two sessions to dispatch Billy James at Buffalo.

A former amateur lightweight champion before enlisting in the service, Harrig turned pro upon his discharge and is one of the most promising of the younger prospects in the upstate New York area.

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DEL COCKAYNE

DEL COCKAYNE, the Drake University football star who last season was the nation's second best scorer—next to Glen Davis of the Army—not only knows how to fight but likes to fight. Yet there is more to the story than that. He is fighting for an education. The money he makes from boxing will put him through college. His ambition is to be the lightweight champion of the world, retire, and coach football and boxing.

Undefeated as a professional, the Des Moines lad is under the management of Pinkie George, who once handled Johnny Paychek and Lee Savold.

Cockayne has already given Iowa many thrills. As an amateur he was Golden Gloves champion. Fans who witnessed his amateur fight with Jackie Graves in St. Paul will never forget the thrills in that one. Del had the Minnesota featherweight down three times and beat him from here to there. Today Graves is a top-notcher and so is Cockayne in our book.

An all-around athlete, Del has two more years at Drake. He can run the 50-yard dash in 5.3; plays football like nobody's business; in softball he is one of the best to come out of Des Moines. His real hobby, however, is boxing, and we can say *he is one good fighter.*

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RALPH LARA

BARON STUME, who has been handling Pacific Coast fighters for many years, has a youngster in tow, Ralph Lara, who, although he is not a world beater and hasn't carried off the honors in all of his battles, is a good club attraction in California and has his share of victories.

Lara, a lightweight, recently beat Arturo Barron in ten stirring rounds at the Hollywood Stadium. He has also a victory over the brother of Juan Zurita, Manuel, whom he put away in three rounds. This year he has engaged in four bouts at this writing, of which he won three. He beat Bert White in six, Harry Cole in six and Arturo Barron in six, but dropped his fourth contest, a ten-rounder to Bobby Jackson, a veteran who figured to lick him.

Last year he lost to Bud Christman, Filio Prado, Pacho Villa, Bert White, Ray Puente and Cpl. Jimmy Williams, but Ralph offset these defeats with victories over Dave Hernandez, Buddy Spencer, Tony Mendez, Tino Ascasio, Gene Rooney, Pacho Villa, Pee Wee Lewis and Manuel Zurita, and he fought draws with Sammy Andrade, Freddie Taylor and Art Rojo.

Rudy Rosenburg is Lara's trainer.

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PEDRO FIRPO

CAMDEN, N. J., has turned out many excellent fighters, contenders in many divisions. Years back the city was a hotbed of good talent. Then, shortly before the Pearl Harbor attack, fans lost interest, boxing clubs closed and local youngsters went elsewhere to display their wares. After five years of inactivity in that city, in came Anthony Georgetti, top local trainer and manager, with Pedro Firpo, a Camden lad, who had been campaigning without much success, and soon Tony had in Firpo the biggest drawing card in south Jersey.

Today Camden is back on the fistic map and drawing unheard-of gates. The first show drew $800, and since then the figures have been hitting around the $4000 mark with Firpo in the feature attractions.

Firpo was born in Camden and tips the beam at 132 pounds. He's strong, game as they come, can withstand the hardest punches and is very aggressive. Under Georgetti's management he has had 17 fights, winning 13, his most recent victories being against Willie Roache, Lulu Costantino, Mario Colon, Bobby Smith and Larry Bolvin. In his fight with Eddie Giosa at the Convention Hall in Camden the gate hit the $7000 mark.

Joey Allen is the trainer of Firpo and he has done much to improve the boy's fighting by changing Firpo's style.

Georgetti and his charge, Firpo, have put Camden back on the fistic map after five years of inactivity.

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FRANKIE SWEENEY

FISTIC WASHINGTON is watching the progress of Frank Sweeney, a favorite in the Capital these days. The boxing crowd believe Francis Xavier Sweeney has all the earmarks of a top notch fighter. He is a middleweight who looms as a

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Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT

PHIL PALMER

FIGHT manager, Abe Elkin, of New York, is possessed of an uncanny gift of finding good fighting material and, with the aid of his brother Murray—a former boxer—developing such material into first-rate ring attractions. The sparkling middleweight, Jack Rosenberg, was Abe's discovery. Primo Flores, a raw novice from Puerto Rico, came next. Then Abe and Murray made a Madison Square Garden attraction out of a tough but awkward Canadian lightweight, Johnny Greco.

Now the Elkin brothers are bringing another Canadian scrapper to the top, Phil Palmer, who tips the beam at 140 lbs. This two-fisted fighter makes no pretense at scientific boxing. At the sound of the gong, Phil advances toward his foe and begins to throw punches.

He was born Felix Di Palma, in Citanova Del Sano, Province Combobasso, Italy, on June 9, 1922 and his parents brought him to Vancouver, B. C., five years later. After reaching the ninth grade at Templeton Junior High School, Felix chucked his studies, hopped a rattler and in due time, arrived at Calgary, Alberta—about a thousand miles from home.

"I ran away," explained the Italian-born battler, "because I wanted to be a fighter—like Jimmy McLarnin, my ideal—and my parents objected. I was 15 years old at the time, which may be pretty young, but my mind had been made up. At Calgary, I got acquainted with Ronnie Beaudin—the fighter—in a local gym, and together we traveled all over Canada, taking on fights in all towns. I boxed under the name of Phil Palmer."

After six months of traveling and fighting, the young pugilist surprised his family by coming home for Christmas. "They were so tickled over my return," added Phil Palmer, "that they forgave me for running away and becoming a professional fighter."

In 1941, Phil went to Toronto where, after winning four contests he returned home. He worked as a hotel clerk for a while, then got a job as a riveter in a shipyard. He was the youngest and smallest one there.

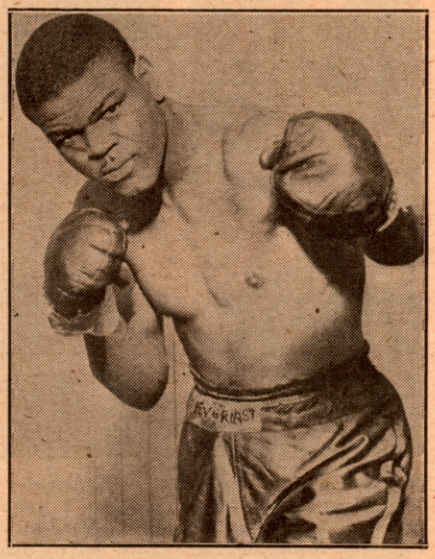
The following year he joined the Canadian Navy. After fifteen months of service, he was honorably discharged. Some time later, Phil married his childhood sweetheart, Ann Galenzoski.

Abe Elkin, a man of few words and lots of action, announced: "I heard that Phil Palmer was a good prospect, so I sent for him. He came. I saw that he had the goods and he's been conquering opponents since his arrival in August of last year."

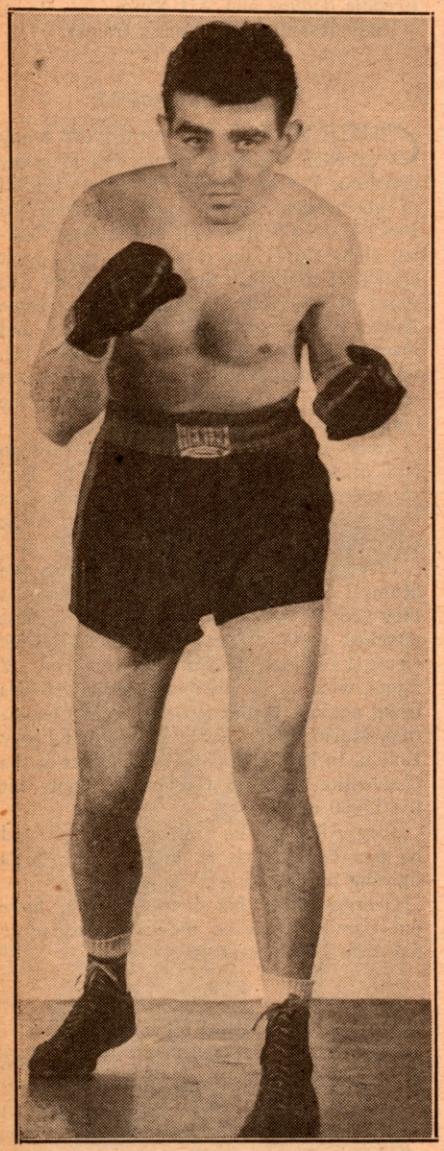
In his first fight after coming to New York, Phil TKO'd the veteran welter, Stanley Miller. Then he stiffened Jim Davis. His next kayo victim was Thaddeus Cabey. Phil followed this by trouncing Mayhew Smith. Two weeks later he flattened Lee Black. Herb Solomon, Charley Watkins and Mal Dembroeder were also victims of Palmer's paralyzing punch. He halted Miller, Cabey and Black a second time. Phil won twice from Vincent La Salva and boxed him to a draw.

He decisioned George Larover, twice, licked Johnny Williams, Joe Peralta and at Madison Square Garden on the Ruffin-Greco show, Phil won over Jackie Leamus in the semi-final. He vanquished Solomon Stewart and Ben Evans; and boxed a draw with Henry Jordan, who recently beat middleweight Jerry Fiorello.

Phil Palmer, who is undefeated in all of his 24 fights since joining Elkins, has what's known in fistiana as a "crowd-pleasing" style. Which is why matchmakers

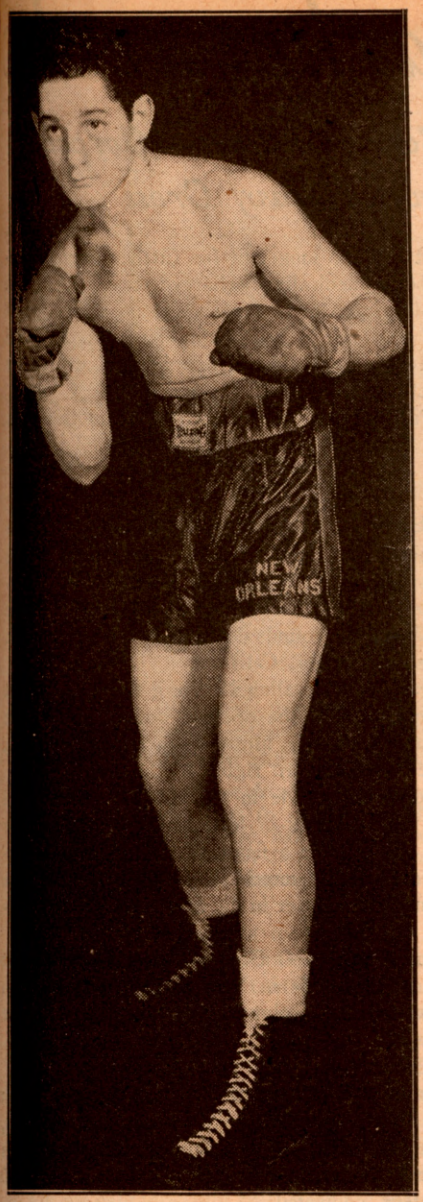


Perk Daniels, Negro heavyweight, who upset the applecart when he chopped down the famed "Hatchet Man," Curtis Sheppard.



Phil Palmer, Canadian boxer who has made a hit in New York. His fighting weight is 140 and Abe Elkin is his manager.

Billy Graham, a featherweight, who looks exceptionally good. He has won 55 pro fights since starting his career.



Augie Lapara, flashy New Orleans featherweight, who is to campaign in the North under the wing of George Winn.

are eager to book him for fights at their clubs, and why Phil has already gained a tremendous following. If he keeps going the way he has been doing, it won't be long before Abe and Murray Elkin will have as great a Garden attraction as they made of Johnny Greco—if not greater. Phil has had a total of 26 fights at this writing of which he lost only one, to Richard Polite. He drew twice and scored eleven knockouts, in his string of victories.

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BILLY GRAHAM

UNDEFEATED in all of his 55 professional fights—and improving as a boxer as he goes along—the chances are bright for Billy Graham to top the record of featherweight champ, Willie Pep, who remained unbeaten in 62 ring engagements. What makes Graham's feat more outstanding than that of Pep is that while Willie generally beats a tactical retreat before an opponent waging a rough attack, Billy refuses to take a backstep. In fact, he usually elects to force the battle and his foe to do the retreating.

Graham's record stamps him a top-notch lightweight. His boxing skill, coolness and confidence in the ring when under fire and his sharp and accurate punching, make him one of the leaders of the current crop of rising youngsters.

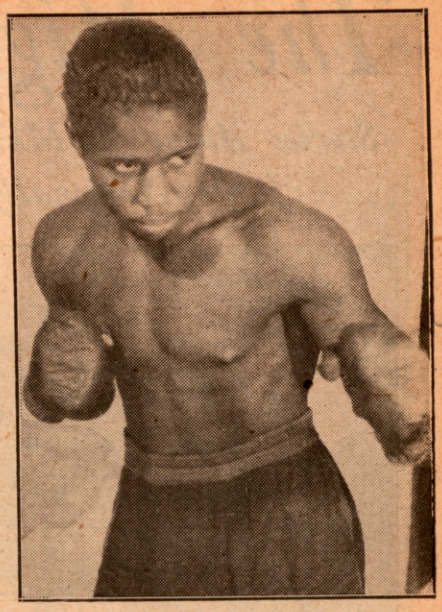
Billy's brilliant work in the ring caused Young Otto, famous New York lightweight, to remark: "There's a kid whose work with his fists can be called 'scientific boxing.' The way he punches, brings me back 25 years or so—when fighters knew their business. Billy Graham is OK. He seems to know what to do, and what he doesn't know, he's willing to learn. He's got a neat jab, knows how to roll with a punch, or block it, he's light on his feet—and is always on the move. He keeps his right hand cocked—ready to shoot—but doesn't let it go till he sees the proper opening. Yep, that boy is going places."

Billy was born on September 9, 1921, on the upper East Side of New York City, where his father operates a Bar & Grill. He took to boxing long before he reached his teens, fighting at church affairs, benefits and at the Police Athletic League at the tender age of eleven.

"I had two years of high school," pleasantly explained Billy Graham, who looks like a matinee idol, "and took a commercial course. But I didn't care about it. The fight bug had bitten me and I had become a victim of fistiana—though my father called it Fistimania. But he let me have my way."

So enthusiastic was Billy about becoming a fighter, that he disdained competing in the amateurs—and thus gaining the fundamentals of ring lore—and went right into the pro ranks, under the prudent guidance of Irving Cohen. That was in 1941.

Tony Mar, Chinese lightweight, from Hermosillo, Mexico, who has class.



Joe Blackwood, a Paterson, N. J., young middleweight prospect.

On November 16, the following year—after having successfully participated in 41 contests—Billy Graham joined the United States Navy. He won ten battles and also saw active service before receiving an honorable discharge in February of this year. Since then he has won four bouts.

"Here is a human interest note," contributed soft-spoken Irving Cohen: "In 1928 and also in 1932, Billy made a trip with his family to Ireland to visit his grandmother. It is Billy's hope and intention to visit Ireland again—as a boxing champion."

Among the fighters Graham has defeated are: Al Guido and Lew Maxwell (three times each), Sammy Mammone (twice), Tommy Mills, Dave Crawford, Doug Carter—who holds a decision over the peppery Humberto Zavala. Billy twice triumphed over Julio Malavez—once by the kayo route, and halted Jeff Holloway. He put to sleep Johnny Williams—the boy who recently outboxed clever Maxie Shapiro at the Broadway Arena; and in a return match at the Ridgewood Grove between Graham and the speedy Negro, the Irish lad received the verdict.

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PERK DANIELS

A NEW heavyweight star recently streaked into the fistic heavens—Perk Daniels chopped down the famed Hatchetman, Curtis Sheppard, after hacking at him for seven furious rounds. Winning over the dynamite-fisted Sheppard was no new experience for Daniels; he'd taken a ten-round duke from Curtis in Newark, May 10, 1943. But in their second meeting in Pittsburgh about two months ago, Perk really percolated. Daniels smashed the mighty Hatchetman to the canvas for a 9-count in the third heat and repeated in the seventh. After rising at the count of nine, Perk went at his groggy foe with a furious two-fisted attack—battering him into such helpless condition that the referee mercifully halted the contest.

The six foot one and a half inch Negro tips the beam at 200 pounds and is an

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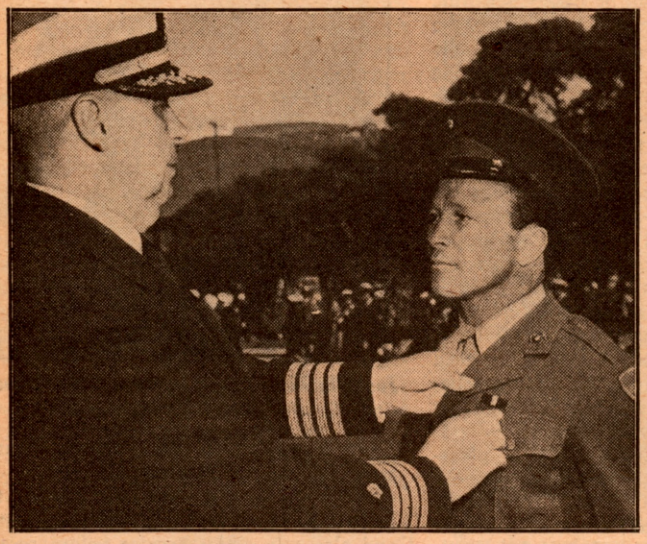
The Fighting Leathernecks

Stories About the Marines, Written by Combat Correspondents—Corporal Janic, Nationally Known Trainer, Wins Coveted Navy Cross



Corporal Michael M. Janic of Wall, Pa., is shown receiving the highest Navy decoration next to the Medal of Honor, from Captain A. H. Dearing (MC), Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oakland, Cal., where Janic has been recovering from shell fragment wounds.

SHORT, stocky, and powerfully built Marine Corporal Michael M. Janic, 32, one-time trainer of former Boxing Heavyweight Champion Max Baer, has won the coveted Navy Cross "for extraordinary heroism" against enemy Japanese on Guam last July 27. For several years prior to his enlistment in the Marine Corps on August 12, 1942, Janic had served as trainer for the one-time "Livermore Larruper" and his brother, Buddy Baer. In between, Janic did a bit of leather-pushing on his own, principally in West Coast rings.

But it was during the bitter battle for Guam that "Mike" Janic rose to the heights occupied by heroes of this war. It was Marine Lieutenant General Holland M. Smith, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, who wrote the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving with a Marine infantry battalion in action against enemy forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 27 July, 1944. When a detachment from his battalion suffered heavy casualties from an enemy ambush, Corporal Janic gained permission to leave his regular post with the battalion commander and voluntarily went forward to investigate and give aid if possible.

"Hearing the cries of two badly wounded men in a draw, he went to their rescue, despite withering enemy machine gun and rifle fire that was raking the draw. He carried the two wounded men to safety, on the way killing several of the enemy who sought to intercept him and his helpless burden. His courageous act undoubtedly saved the lives of the two wounded men, and his outstanding coolness, bravery and utter disregard for his own safety in the performance of this deed were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Three small shell fragments hit Janic during the time he was in action against the Japs on Guam, but the superficial wounds didn't stop the man who had been hit harder in the prize ring.

"I didn't even turn in—just got a corpsman to put a little iodine on them and went on," said Janic, dismissing the subject.

Now a hospital patient for treatment of back injuries suffered after organized Japanese resistance ended on Guam, Janic is making talks at War Bond rallies and meetings held in an effort to get more blood donors.

"I've been told that I am no longer fit for further combat overseas and that I am being medically discharged soon," Janic said. "I am glad I was able to get in the service and do what I could.

"Maybe I'll catch on again in the boxing business. Max and Buddy Baer are still very good friends of mine and we may be able to cook up something yet."

Janic calls Wall, Pa., his home. It is there that his mother, Mrs. Stella Rella, lives at 4 Grant Street.

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SERGEANT JOSEPH DUBE, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, formerly of United Press, reports that Marine Private Chet Vinci of Rome, N. Y., Central Pacific Area welterweight champion, scored his 64th victory at an island base in the Pacific with a slam-bang three rounds decision over Navy Seaman Second Class Jim Lee of Sanger, Calif.

The 19-year-old Leatherneck, scaling 150 for a six-pound weight disadvantage, was held even in the opening round, became the aggressor and appeared to puzzle him with a weaving crouch, from which he landed several hard rights to the face.

Fathoming the Indian lad's style in the second stanza, Vinci straightened him up with a series of lefts at close quarters. He then concentrated on the body in a fierce toe-to-toe slugging exchange. Lee displayed plenty of moxie in taking everything the more experienced Vinci had to offer in the final heat, but was reeling at the bell.

Vinci was runner-up for the 1941 Golden Gloves featherweight championship, losing in the finals in New York City's Madison Square Garden. He repeated the following year, only to lose at the Chicago finals. Lee is 23.

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FROM Somewhere in the Marianas, Marine Sergeant Ralph W. Myers sends this news: Three Marines, three Seabees, one sailor, and one soldier emerged as Island champions of this base after a four week boxing tournament in which nearly 150 fighters pro and amateur, competed.

The Island titles were won recently on an all-star card before thousands of servicemen in an open-air bowl. The affair was staged with Madison Square Garden finesse, the Armed Forces Radio Station broadcast a blow-by-blow account of the show and Vice Admiral John Hoover, Commander, Forward Area, presented trophies. Actress Gertrude Lawrence was among the ringside celebrities.

The champions, one in each weight division, then began training for the next big step on their road to the Pacific Ocean Area titles at once.

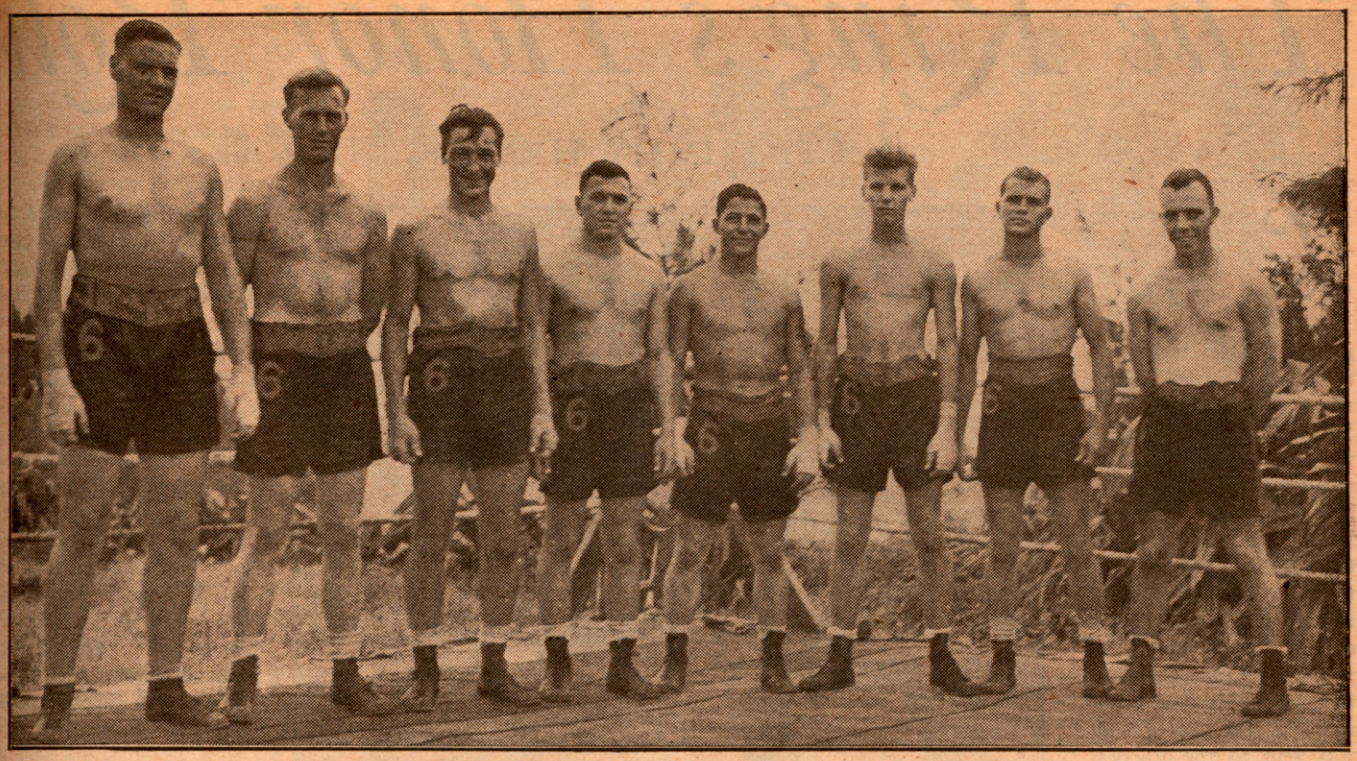
Charley Riggs, 193, a roly-poly Negro Marine from McKeesport, Pa., who once held the heavyweight title in his home state, bounded through a four-round slug-fest to win a decision over 206-pound Al Davenport, Negro sailor from Morgantown, W. Va.

Sailor George Feltes, 169, of Milwaukee, Wis., won his third decision of the tournament to cop the title from an Army boy, Gene Stafford, 168, of Atlanta, Ga., former Golden Gloves boxer and South Pacific amateur champion.

Charles Keyes, 155-pound Negro Marine of Baltimore, Md., left-hooked his way to a close decision over red-haired Joe Vernon, 158, a soldier from Washington, D. C., who had won the A.A.U. crown there in 1939, and fought in the Golden Gloves four years. This is Keyes' first year in the ring.

Bob Anderson, 145, a 19-year-old Marine from Cleveland, Ohio, won a close decision over Seabee David Bess of Atlantic City, N. J. This was the first tournament for both boys. Bess weighed in at 145.

Larry Ruybolid, 134, of Colorado Springs, Colo., a Seabee,



The above is a photograph of the Marines who carried off the Novice championships in the recent Second Division tournament in the Pacific. Left to right—Pfc. Hiram D. Oxley, Jr., of Flint, Michigan, heavyweight; Cpl. David L. Fisher, Greensburg, Pa., light-heavyweight; Pfc. Ernest W. McMillan, Abilene, Texas, senior middleweight; Pfc. Louis D. Carona, Port Arthur, Texas, middleweight; Pfc. Pat Di Leva, Schenectady, N. Y., senior welterweight; Pfc. Melvon E. Scholina, Modesto, Cal., welterweight; Cpl. Clyde E. Hughes, Bardstown, Ky., lightweight; Cpl. Robert L. Grant, Cambridge, Mass., featherweight.

traded right-hand punches toe-to-toe with Jim Gray, 128-pound Negro Marine, to cop the lightweight title. Gray, from Norfolk, Va., was fighting his first tourney, while Ruybolid has been fighting for more than a year in the Navy, and fought four years in the States.

A close decision gave the featherweight crown to Dominic Adrongna, 123, a Marine from Pittsburgh, Pa., over another Leatherneck, Stan Swank, 123, of Park, Ill.

Carl Irving, 113, a Seabee from Philadelphia, Pa., kayoed Sailor Rosorio Blanciforte, 118, of Little Rock, Ark., in the second round to win the bantamweight title. Both are beginners, but fought their way through one of the biggest entry lists with success.

The flyweight crown was won by Seabee Chelsa Watson, a 108-pound Negro Seabee, who knocked out Robert Kincaid, 108, a sailor from Hayward, Calif., in the second round. Watson is from Brooklyn, N. Y.

Island champions from the various Marianas islands met on May 3 and 4 to decide the titles for this island group.

The Forward Area crown bouts were scheduled for May 13, when the Marianas title holders met the champs from the Western Carolinas. The Pacific Ocean Area finals will be fought at Pearl Harbor early in the summer.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

GUS (PELL) MELL established himself as a topflight performer by splitting two decisions with Sal Bartolo, N.B.A. featherweight champion, in ten-round bouts in the Boston Garden. The classy Montreal youngster upset the dope by taking the first one with his spirited two-fisted punching and, though out maneuvered in the return tilt, finished with a terrific onslaught that has Boston fans talking about a "rubber" third battle. Mell, the tonic who has brought boxing booming back in Boston, has proven to be a big drawing card, the matches with Bartolo drawing over $23,000 and $28,272. Promoter Rip Valenti is figuring that an outdoor Mell-Bartolo match will draw over $50,000 . . . pretty good progress for a kid with 36 fights.

There was quite a Montreal flavor to the second Mell-Bartolo card with three other Montrealers displaying their wares in slambang losing battles. Sammy Garcia finished up strong to score a surprise win over Jean Barriere in the eight-round semi-final. Barriere is usually a strong finisher so his condition must have been under par. Steve Kronis handed Leo Methot an artistic shellacking in a six-rounder and is slated to fight Jean Barriere in the top spot of the opening outdoor show in Montreal's Stade Exchange. In another six rounder, the Blond Tiger scored a close one over Jerry Lavigne, Montreal bantam, but Lavigne got the crowd's plaudits by coming off the floor to carry the battle to the Tiger, who had a pretty good weight advantage. In fact, Lavigne made such a hit that he was signed to box George Butler there the following week.

STRAY SHOTS . . . Wilfie Shanks will be back in action by the time this comes off the press . . . he is slated to appear in a ten-rounder outdoors at Springfield, Mass., where he is a big favorite. . . . Shanks put on some solid weight in his four-months layoff and will be a full-fledged middle, much stronger. . . . Dave Castilloux will likely hook up with Ralph Walton at Saint John, N.B. Johnny Greco is on the small time circuit again . . . knocked over gents named Chuck Taylor and Lou Miller in five and two rounds in Florida . . . could it be that the last Ruffin battle caused this? . . . it's a shame for the kid, if so. . . . Sheppard, a native Montrealer, is doing well with boys from here . . . did all right with Harry Hurst, and now with Mell and Wilfie Shanks . . . Other good Montreal youngsters he has are Tommy Murray, Marcel Fournier, Jerry and Maurice Lavigne (no relation to each other) . . . Desse Greene and Romeo St. Amant signing up several amateur stars . . . ditto Harry Rappaport . . . cheerio till next month.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

BERNARD DOCUSEN must fight eight rounds. The Louisiana Athletic Commission by a unanimous vote demanded that the 17-year-old Docusen must travel further than six rounds.

Whitey Esneault, Docusen's manager, objected to forcing him to fight over six rounds, as the Louisiana law specifically provides "that no boy under 18 can fight over six rounds." The commission made what they called a special ruling.

It was Docusen who revived boxing in New Orleans. He has been supporting the commission with the enormous gates he has been attracting in six-round main events and the fans have been satisfied.

Docusen made his first start over a six-round distance against Charley "Lulu" Costantino, a nationally-known lightweight, easily the best fighter Docusen had been pitted against.

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The Ring's Honor Roll

By CPL. JIMMY HEARNS

LIEUT. DEWEY FRAGETTA, famous New York fight manager and promoter, who was sent to the Pacific some months ago, is back in New York recuperating from an injury received when he fell into a deep hole in New Guinea. Dewey was shipped first to the Philippines and then flew to New Guinea to be with the headquarters detachment, and while there, the accident took place. He was evacuated to the States and was sent to the Rhodes General Hospital in Utica.

Bee Bee Wright, Pittsburgh's top-ranking welterweight, is now a member of Uncle Sam's Army, and his fighting days in the ring have been temporarily halted. He went into service on Friday, April 13. He was nineteen years old on February 4.

Pfc. Lewis J. La Buef, who was handled in pro boxing by Dan "Doc" Avery of Boston, has been killed in action, as was Phil Chicuto, an excellent prospect in the Mediterranean Area, who was handled by Al Weisberger. He was killed in Italy.

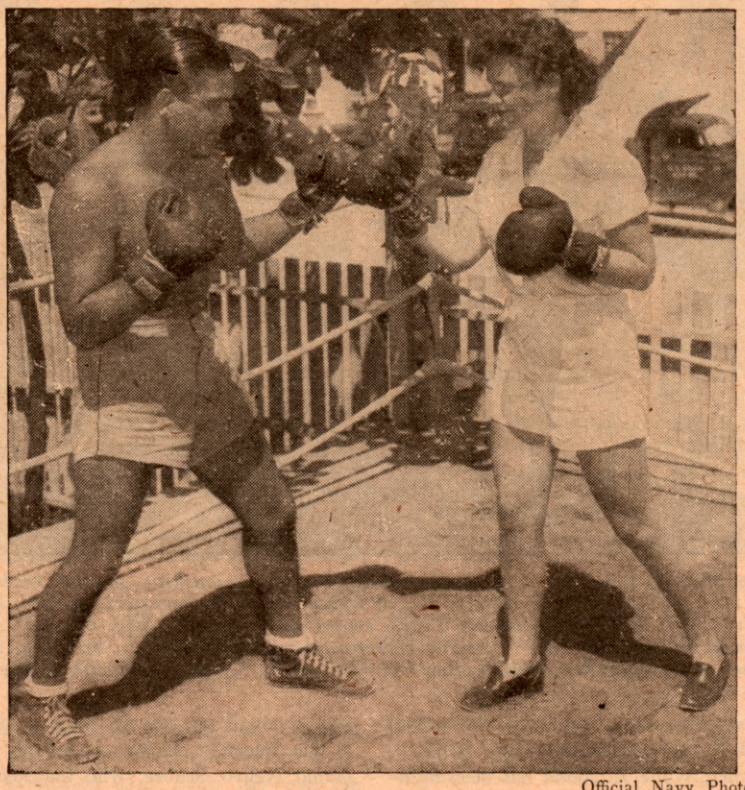
Dan Smith, St. Paul boxer, was wounded at Iwo Jima where he was with the assault troops. He is a member of the Marines.

Maurice Marr, Minneapolis boxer, was killed at the battle of Manila in the Philippines.

Sgt. LeRoy Holmes, of St. Paul, a good boxer, was wounded in the recent drive in Germany.

Pfc. Murray Proper, a boxer well known in the States, was wounded in Italy, where he was with the 10th Mountain Division.

So many of the young boxers between eighteen and twenty are now being drafted, that it is almost impossible to keep close tabs on the number now in the service. THE RING Editor will appreciate word from correspondents each month on the names of those in the locality of the writer, who have donned the uniform and also of those who are discharged. THE RING'S list as of this writing, shows a total of 4733 boxers who had one or more professional bouts, in the armed forces since Pearl Harbor and thousands of amateur fighters.



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SAILOR BEWARE! Cozy Storace, of Rome, N. Y., former National amateur 147 pound champion, has a fair customer for a lesson in the manly art. She is WAVE Patricia LaBeau, SK2c, of Detroit, Mich. Both are stationed at the U.S. Naval Operating Base in Key West, Fla., where Storace has charge of physical training and recreation for the Gobs.

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THE RING office was paid a visit a few weeks ago by Col. Thompson who had seen plenty of service in the South Pacific and one of the first questions he asked was how apparently able-bodied boxers were able to keep out of the service.

"I went to the St. Nicholas Club and to Stillman's Gymnasium," he said, "and I was amazed at seeing the huskies perform and like many of the servicemen I have seen in action, wondered by what means such men could stay out of service. It is astonishing!"

"Yes," THE RING Editor replied, "it is. I often wonder how men like Bobby Ruffin, Jimmy Bivins, Fred Schott, Elmer Ray, Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Jake LaMotta, Lloyd Marshall, Walter Woods, Billy Grant, and dozens of other nationally known fighters can remain out of the service while fellows with great, large families are being inducted day after day and others, servicemen who have been overseas for long periods, are still fighting on in the battle lines, but deserve a well-earned rest!"

Some of the fighters whom the Colonel saw at Stillman's Gym and in the fight clubs, I explained to him were discharged from service because of sinus trouble, flat feet or punctured eardrums and he shot back, "Well that isn't any rea-

Vernon Escoe who has been discharged by the Canadian Army.

Gerald Fitzgerald, head of the American Red Cross in England. Mr. Fitzgerald has been an ardent worker on behalf of the American servicemen and will be welcomed by the GI's when he makes his headquarters in France for the post-war program.

son why they cannot be reinducted and given minor jobs to relieve others. They certainly can handle a clerk's post with that kind of ailment, mop up barracks, handle mail or load trucks. I don't blame the boys who are bellyaching about the large number of boxers who are top-notchers in their field, doing business at the old stands while other lads are sweating it out in battle areas."

THE RING agrees with you, Colonel. Well said.

And now for short sketches of our honor men:

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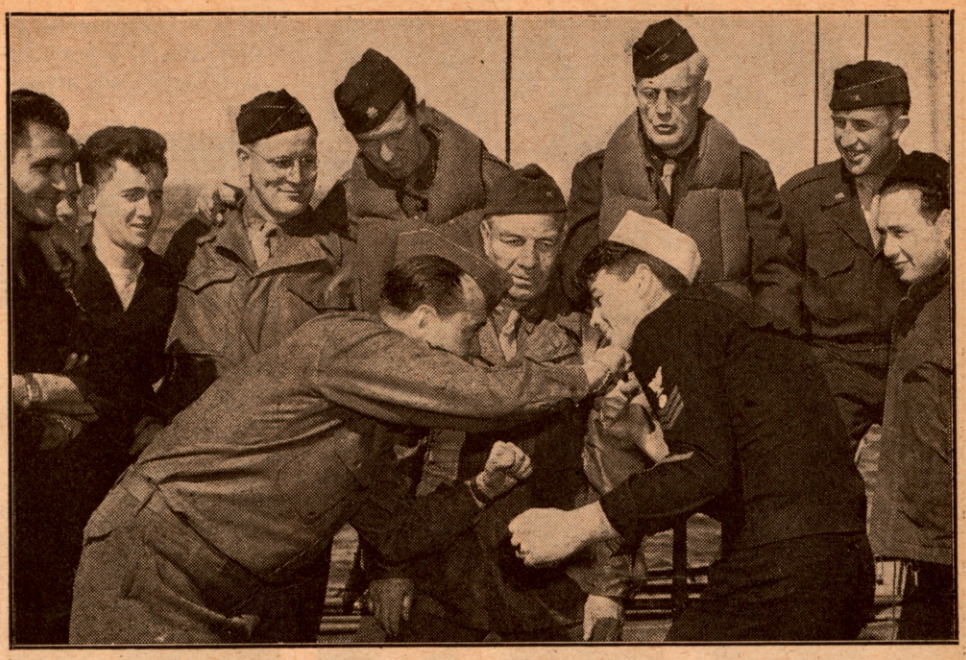
GERALD B. FITZGERALD

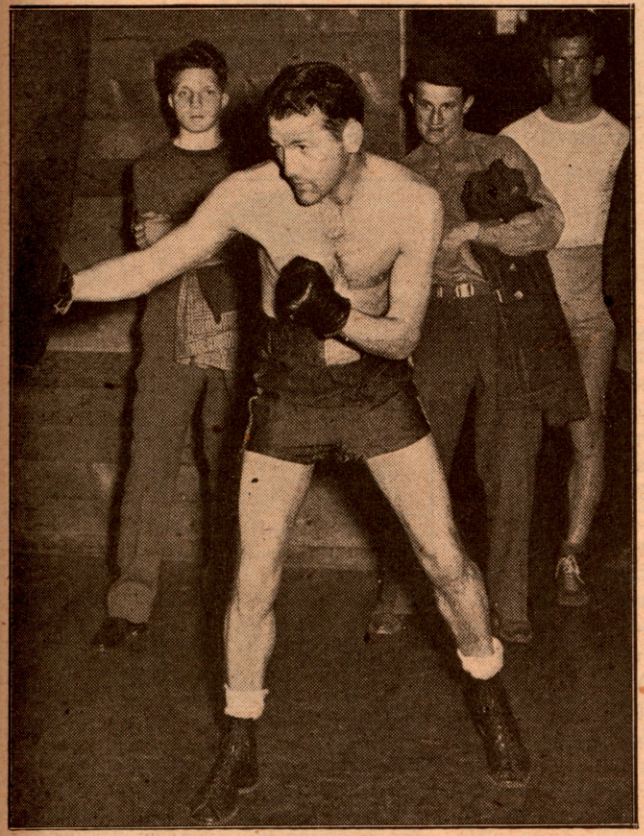
FROM Pfc. Mark Fannon, our servicemen's correspondent in England, comes the following on Gerald Fitzgerald.

With the conclusion of the European War and the transfer of the Red Cross to France, great preparations are being made by the Red Cross for entertainment and Recreational activities. Already there is more sporting equipment on the Continent than there is in the British Isles. Day by day the Red Cross is expanding in France and Germany as well as other European countries. Their headquarters are now in Paris.



Five of the nationally-known athletic authorities who are conducting sports clinics for troops in the European theater hold a preview performance for Coast Guardsmen and troops aboard a Coast Guard-manned troop transport ferrying them across the Atlantic. In center foreground, giving a few pointers on how to throw a right cross is Bill Cavanagh, boxing coach of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. The two sparmates are Sgt. William Parson, 323 West Patriot Street, Somerset, Pa., and Coast Guardsman Edwin G. Niles, Electrician's Mate, first class, of 219 Summer Street, Somerville, Mass. Other members of the sports clinic group are (left to right, in khaki uniforms) Dean D. Nesmith, of 936 Alabama Street, Lawrence, Kansas, Kansas University athletic trainer; Major Francis Welch, USA, head football and basketball coach of Emporia State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas; Seward C. Staley, of 400 6th Ave., Columbus, Ohio, Director of the School of Physical Education at Illinois University, Champagne-Urbana, and George T. White, of 431 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn., football authority, director of New Haven AAU programs and secretary of the First Federal Savings Bank of New Haven.

France has become the center of Red Cross work, as France is nearer to the occupation troops. And with General Eisenhower's Non-Fraternization Policy, servicemen will be sent outside of Germany for their furloughs. Attractive places, entertainment and sports are now in the plans to help the GI spend his spare time, including the opening of the French Riviera, famous summer resort.



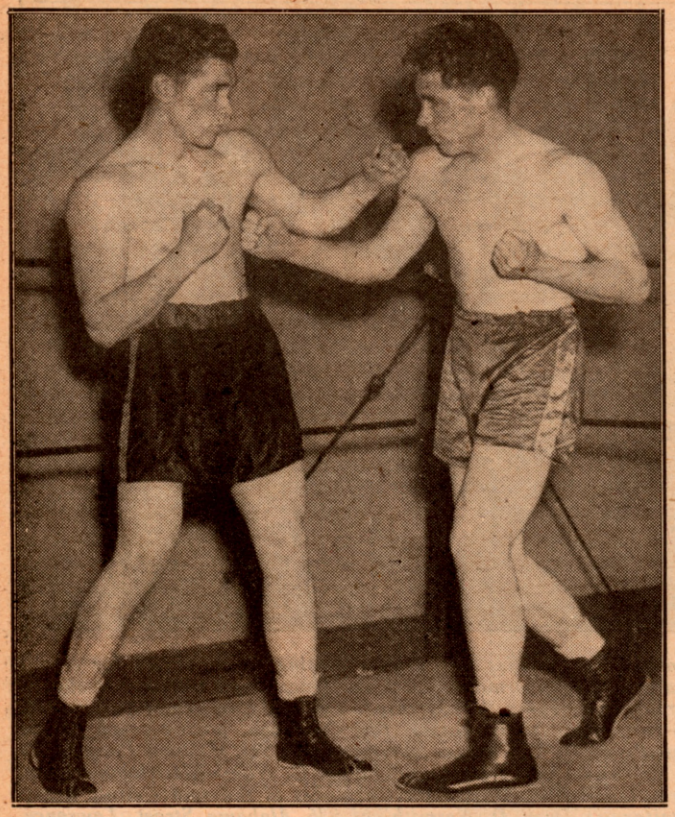
Chester Rico, star New York lightweight who is now stationed in the mid-west where he is doing a swell job.

Mr. Gerald B. Fitzgerald, of St. Paul, Minnesota, is the director of the Red Cross and is due to transfer his headquarters to Paris. England's loss will be France's gain, for Fitz was a friend of the boxers. It was he who put on the first organized boxing show which was open to everyone, in December, 1942, at Rainbow Corner, London. By this first show, says Mr. Fitzgerald, the Red Cross was able to contact Special Service officers and start sports going of all kinds.

Here's what the Red Cross has done for boxing fans in the ETO since the war: At Rainbow Corner they have had 125 nights of boxing; in twelve other places such as Belfast, Glasgow, Salisbury, Bristol, Norwich, Warrington and Newbury, they furnished 500 nights of boxing. Paris has had 30 nights of boxing since D-Day—all in 1945. Besides the big morale value of this sport, it also furnishes experience and exercise for ambitious boxers.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Minnesota, Mr. Fitzgerald was associated for 6 years with Frank McCormick, now Lt. Col. McCormick, in the capacity of Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Recreation Association and as Instructor in Recreation Leadership of the University of Minnesota. Today Mr. Fitzgerald is head of the Red Cross, while Lt. Col. McCormick is in charge of the Army Athletics. This situation has brought about less friction whenever the two are concerned in sporting events. This is one of the reasons behind the smooth running of sports.

Likable, easy to meet, Mr. Fitzgerald doesn't put himself in the spotlight, but he has been good to the fistic game. He has a fine job in England and it is quite certain that he will be in back of bigger things now that the Yanks are in Berlin.



Walt and Vince Cartier, Aviation Mates who are in the U.S. Navy.

VERNON ESCOE

JIMMY JONES, manager for many years of the late Sonny Jones who was killed in action with the Canadian Army in France, has another good battler in Vernon Escoe, light-heavyweight champion of Canada. Vernon, born in Toronto on December 21, 1921, started his pro career in Holyoke, Mass., in 1943 when he had a clean slate of six victories, before he was halted via the kayo route by the more experienced Larry Lane in five rounds. He then stopped Ace Clark in four to wind up the year.

Last year Escoe was inducted into the Canadian Army and he stopped Cpl. Jerry Peak in one round to win the light-heavy title and Bob Fox in two to win the heavyweight crown. Then he was discharged because of a broken eardrum. This year he beat Eddie Taylor in 10, Dan Merritt in 10, lost in 10 to Nate Bolden and was stopped in nine, because of a cut eye by Sampson Powell.

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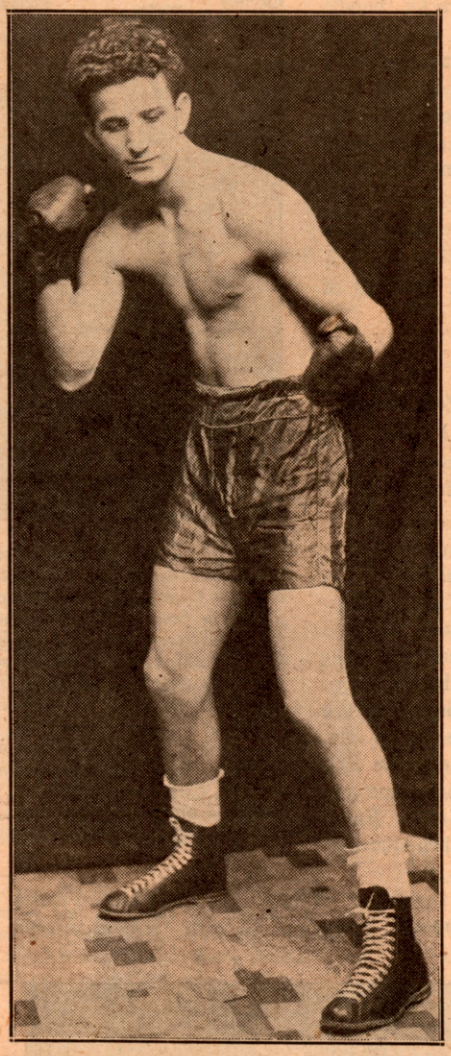
NAVY'S FIGHTING TWINS

WALT AND VINCE CARTIER, Aviation Mates, U.S. Navy, stationed at a West Coast Air Base, are believed to be the only boxing twins in the Navy branch of our armed forces. There are the Weiss twins in the Marines, Somewhere in the South Pacific, and there are several sets of twins in the Army but the Cartier lads have no rivals in their branch of the service. Like the famous Weiss twins, the Cartier boys also hail from the Bronx section of New York City. They are the sons of a former Navy pro boxer.

Recently, while boxing at Mare Island, Calif., in quest of the Twelfth Naval District's middleweight title, Walt boxed in the same gym, Rodman Hall, that his father had, twenty-seven years earlier. Vince had temporarily withdrawn to allow Walt to win that title, but an accidental eye butt from a 6 foot 2 inch giant that required stitching, prompted Navy doctors to refuse Walt's final bout of the tournament. He had defeated the favorite as well as kayoing another expected winner and defeated all competitors with relative ease.

It is the opinion of 'Frisco scribes who have seen them "go" that they are headed for success, after the war. Both boys are all-around athletes. They were on their station's championship basketball team, are outstanding baseball players, good enough to have had professional offers, and Vince goes in for mile and two mile track events. They have an older brother who was considerable of a boxer, also, years back.

The Cartier lads are always willing to put on exhibitions for their mates, just as they did when performing at county fairs around the country, when five and six years old. Walt has had twenty fights, winning them all, with half of them ending in KO's. Fast, clever boys with both hands, they have been well schooled in all tricks of the game by men who know the ropes, among whom are "Billy" Tucker, former world's champion bag puncher, who developed some of the best of the real old timers through his seventy-seven years, and "Bobby" Ruffin, who is one of their close friends.



Anthony DiNatale, known in pro boxing as Pinte, who was killed in action in Europe. His brother was killed two days before.

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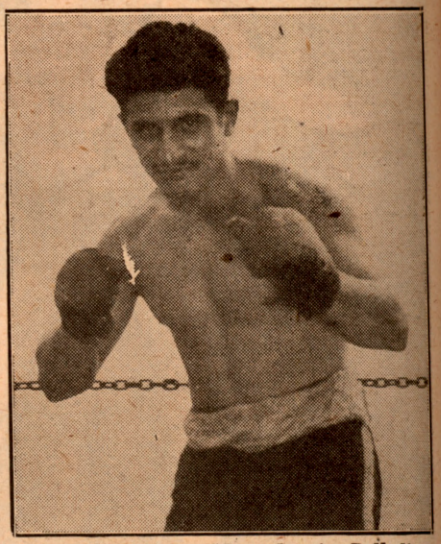
ANTHONY DI NATALE (PINTE)

TRAGEDY struck twice within 48 hours in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DiNatale, of Pittsburgh, recently. For the second time in three days, a War Department telegram informed the DiNatales they had lost a son in action on the Western Front. First the family was notified that Tech. Sgt. Carlo DiNatale was killed in Europe on January 25. Then another telegram revealed that Pfc. Anthony J. DiNatale was killed a day later in Belgium. It was only two and a half years ago that a younger son, Salvadore, was fatally



Coast Guardsman Joseph A. Palladino, coxswain, a resident of Brooklyn, aboard a Coast Guard-manned invasion transport operating in the Pacific area, takes time off to engage in his favorite sport, boxing. His ship is aiding the American fighting men in their island-hopping advances against the Japs.

Sgt. Milt Varsos, coach of the Harvard Army Air Field.

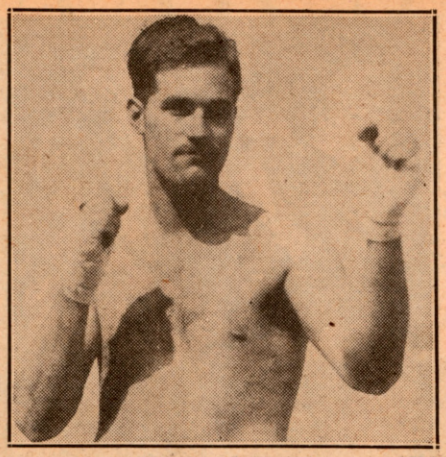
injured when a truck collided with the bicycle he was riding.

Death of the second DiNatale fighting man made his family the first in their city to lose two sons in action, although several other families have had one son killed and another missing in action.

Private DiNatale was an athlete at Edison Junior High School and John Harris High. He also participated in amateur boxing bouts. He entered the Army in November, 1943 and was trained at Fort Custer, Mich.; Camp Reynolds, Pa.; Camp Chaffee, Ark., and Camp Atterbury, Ind. He went overseas with an infantry unit last October.

He was a fast and clever fighter and showed considerable ability for the short time he was in the ring as a pro. He had only ten battles before the Army took him, and lost only one. Two of the ten contests were as an amateur in which he knocked out his opponents, both Golden Gloves champs. As a pro he won seven bouts and was managed by Paul "Polly" Magaro who is now in the Army on the Pacific Coast.

Johnny Nemis, one of Canada's outstanding boxers of a few years back, who is now an instructor for service men at a Nova Scotia camp.



Pvt. Arvil W. Goodman, former CYO champ in Cincinnati, now fighting in China.

SGT. MILT VARSOS

A VETERAN fighter at 22, Sgt. Milt Varsos, coach of the Harvard Army Air Field boxing team, is one of the most formidable 155-pounders in the Second Air Force.

Varsos, who has won four titles in three air fields since entering the Army in October, 1942, started boxing when he was 14. He has had 70 bouts, of which he lost only five, all as an amateur. Most of his victories have been knockouts.

The sergeant, a physical training instructor at Harvard since last September, was coach, trainer and champion during his student days at Milwaukee State Teachers College, Milwaukee, Wis. His family lives in that city.

A seasoned, aggressive puncher who can kayo an opponent with either hand, Sgt. Varsos received a trophy as Wisconsin's outstanding amateur boxer in 1942, when he was a 135-pounder. A national amateur magazine rated him as the country's No. 2 boxer in his weight.

Joseph Sacca, S 1/c, the Pelham Bay Kid who died recently at the Veterans Hospital in N. Y., from injuries received in a plane crash.

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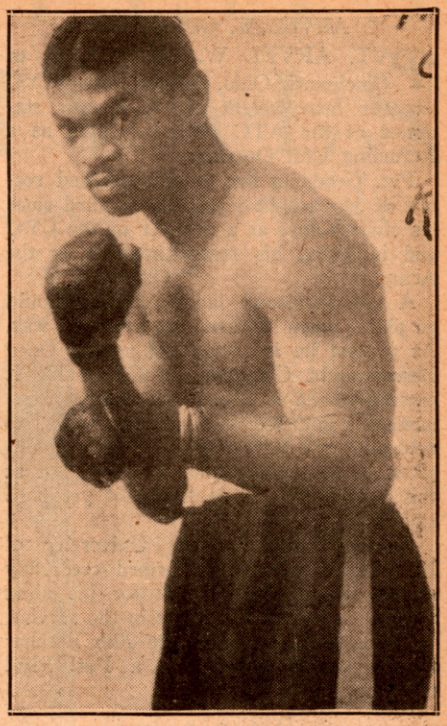
Bill Sawyer, Pacific Coast fighter who has been discharged.



Melvyn Pullen, Golden Glover with 92nd Division overseas.

When the Omaha Golden Gloves team recently competed in the Chicago tournament, Sgt. Varsos was trainer for the Nebraska squad, which included one of his own men, Sgt. Truman Swingle, welterweight.

In the Second Air Force's Nebraska-Iowa boxing meet at Sioux City, Sgt. Varsos had to meet another team mate in the 155-pound finals.

Before adding the Harvard championship to his collection, Varsos had won the 147-pound title at the St. Petersburg, Fla., Army Air Base, and two 160-pound titles at Lincoln, Neb., Army Air Field—once under the Technical Training Command and once under Second Air Force jurisdiction.

Sgt. Varsos' 20-year-old brother, Tommy Varsos, outstanding middleweight professional, is with the Combat Engineers in England.

ARVEL W. GOODMAN

PVT. ARVEL W. GOODMAN, of Cincinnati, Ohio, former noted CYO amateur heavyweight boxer, is now stationed at the ATC Base in China as a Refueling Unit Operator.

Pvt. Goodman has an unblemished record of 34 straight victories compiled since his civilian days as a member of the CYO and including his recent matches in the Army.

A tall, handsome lad of 21, he should go places when he turns pro after the war. At present he is recognized as the Open Heavyweight Champion of China. He is entered in the All-American Boxing tournament conducted in Calcutta, India, to determine the Armed Forces fistic champions in the India-China Division, but at this writing the finals have not yet been staged.

Goodman attended the University of Kentucky where he performed creditably on the gridiron and track for his alma mater. He has two brothers in the service, William, a Sergeant for the 20th Bomber Command and Richard is a Pvt. First Class in the Marines.

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MELVYN PULLEN

THE 92nd Division overseas has an excellent boxer in Melvyn Pullen, of Dayton, Ohio, former Golden Gloves Mid-Western champion with a splendid record. Melvyn, born in 1923, is a featherweight who has engaged in 60 bouts and lost only eight. The only kayo he has suffered, came from the flying fists of LeRoy Jackson, of Cleveland, but in a return engagement in the tournament of champions in Chicago, Pullen turned the tables.

Pullen has fought such outstanding boys as Harold Dade, Al Noto, Ray Steigerwald, Augie La Para and Jackson.

As a flyweight, he won the Ohio State title in 1940. In 1941 he won the Dayton Golden Gloves crown and was runner-up in the Chicago title tourney. He won the Inter-city championship, winning from Lee Booker, and the following year he carried off the Ohio State crown. He is now the bantamweight champion of the 92nd Division.

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BILL SAWYER

THE Navy lost a good boxer when Bill Sawyer, of San Francisco, known in the ring as Wine 'O Sawyer, received his medical discharge in Hawaii because of a fractured nose and a broken eardrum. Bill likes fighting more than anything else and had high hopes of continuing as a pro upon his return to civilian life, but now he has been informed by his doctor that he must give up boxing entirely because of his eye.

Bill did considerable boxing on the Pacific Coast and later in the Navy tournament.

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JOSEPH SACCA S1/c

SEAMAN 1/c JOSEPH SACCA, who was better known in amateur boxing as the "Pelham Bay Kid," died recently at the Veterans Hospital in the Bronx. Joe, one of the nation's leading amateur boxers, was given a medical discharge from the Navy. He had seen action in Attu, Kiska, and Munda, as a deep sea diver. Joe was transferred to the Navy Air Corps and while training as an aerial gunner, his plane crashed. He was a patient at the Naval Shoemaker Hospital for eight months suffering from back and spinal injuries. It was the great work of our Naval doctors that enabled the kid to walk again so severe were his ailments.

He was given a medical discharge in June 1944. He was on his way to total recovery when the dreaded Polio germ attacked his spine. His local doctor sent him to the Veterans Hospital where he lived only 20 hours. It was the "Kid's last fight" and the Greatest Referee counted him out.

Sacca's death was a great loss to post war boxing as this boy had everything, good looks, color and a clever boxing style, and he could give as well as take. He was a brash youngster who loved to fight and did not think there was a fighter in the world his size and weight who could lick him.

The Kid fought and looked like Billy Conn, and was considered one of the best lightweight prospects to come out of the Bronx. He was another of America's boxers who made good both in the ring and the fight to defend his country.

Brigadier General Calvert Arnold presents award to Sgt. Pat Mannix, 210-lb. Camp Crowder heavyweight title holder at the conclusion of the Post Boxing Championships. Lt. William Strawbridge, who arranged the event, looks on.

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JIMMY REDDICK

STAFF SERGEANT KEN BELL who flew thirty-four missions over Germany and is now a combat returnee stationed at Amarillo, Texas, sings the praises of Jimmy Reddick, a sergeant who is one of the best boxers in the service in the South. Bell, who writes for the Army newspaper, the *Mecha News,* and also does some writing for the Amarillo *Times,* sends in the following in re Reddick:

Never let it be said that 1st Sgt. Jimmy Reddick is a "chicken," or never use that expression within reach of his keen ears. As a rugged but awkward high school kid, Reddick was hailed by his classmates as "chicken," and it was the ire aroused in him that caused him to take to fighting. This expression spurred husky Jimmy to fame in the ring all over the United States as well as South America. It got him two Golden Gloves crowns plus two National AAU titles.

Packing terrific power in both mitts, the pulverizing phantom formerly of Chicago, claimed almost every crown within his grasp. Reddick is a power hitter. In the ring he tilted the scales at 175 pounds, but now weighs around 200 or more.

In 1936 Reddick entered his first official fight in Chicago as a Golden Glover. As a welterweight he advanced to the semi-finals. With his ire stirred, Reddick in 1937 bounced back to capture the Southern Illinois title and advanced to the quarter-finals of Golden Gloves only to have Dame Fortune say "NO."

The following year, 1938, was Jimmy's greatest for he annexed his first Golden Glove title as well as a National AAU crown as a light-heavyweight. Later that year Jim Reddick won a berth on the Junior Olympic team to represent the United States in South America. In South America he immediately forgot the "Good Neighbor" policy and blitzed every opponent he fought.

In 1940 Reddick donned the mitts again and repeated his 1938 triumph by launching a conquest of both Golden Gloves and the National AAU. Later the same year, Reddick was picked on another United States team to fight against a contingent of Italian fighters. Il Duce's lads proved extremely rugged and Reddick will admit he encountered his toughest battle.

For four rounds the fighters exchanged murderous blows before Reddick moved in, flooring the Italian on two successive occasions and victory smiled on the Chicago lad. Also, the same year, Reddick was picked on a team of Western Golden Gloves champions to fight a contingent of Eastern mitt slingers. Reddick emerged with another scalp to his crowded record.

Reddick had traded punches with the best including Joe Louis, Billy Conn, and Henry Armstrong. Reddick trained through his entire career with Henry Armstrong and praises the latter as the greatest fighter he has ever seen.

In sparring with Conn, Reddick declares that he was hit more by him than by Louis. "Conn's nimbleness prevents him from hitting as hard as Louis." In case of a post-war fight, "I'll pick Louis," concludes Reddick.

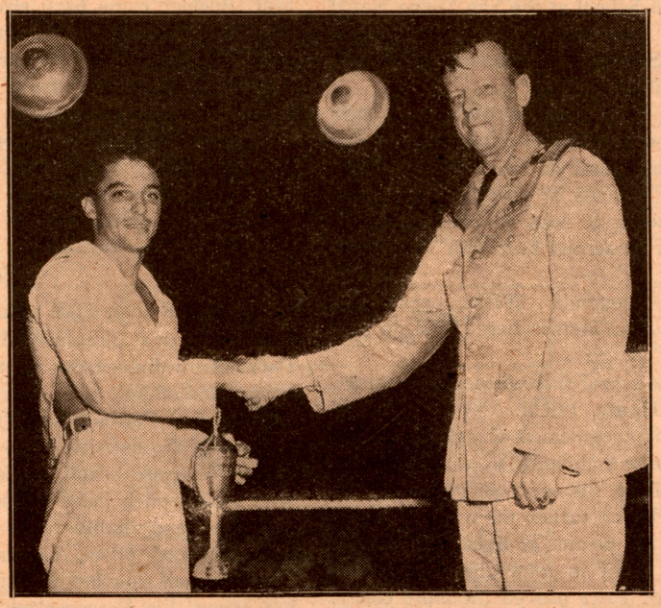
Reddick's love for the ring is very strong, and a little thing like a war couldn't dampen it. Inducted into the Army in 1942, Jimmy carried his boxing talents with him and is now passing on his knowledge to awe-inspired kids who huddle around the champ at every opportunity. The future Louises, Conns, and Armstrongs are taught to respect sportsmanship before swinging a mitt by Jimmy Reddick. As an instructor at Keesler Field, Mississippi, Jimmy took a team of seven gladiators to Chicago for the Golden Gloves and the kids carried off six titles.

K. O. HAAK'S FISTS FLATTEN RIVALS

Retains Championship in Fourth Fleet Boxing Tourney and Is Awarded "Outstanding Boxer Trophy"—Action-Filled Mills Feature South Atlantic Title Meet

By
Lt. (jg) Malcolm Bridges

IN an action-filled South Atlantic Championship boxing show conducted at the Fourth Fleet Headquarters by the Naval Operating Facility, three new Fleet Champs were crowned and two belt holders retained their titles. "Kayo" Haak, MoMM2d, polished featherweight, retained his title and was awarded the "outstanding boxer trophy." Haak met plenty of opposition from Danny Danfield, Cox., before landing the fatal right hand smash that has flattened all contenders in Fourth Fleet bouts.



Capt. J. G. Huntoon, Commander of the Naval Operating Facility, congratulates "Kayo" Haak, MoMM2/c.

Norman Blumenthal, RM1/c, annexed the fleet middleweight crown by disposing of "Dutch" Clapper, S1/c, in a close three-round affair.

E. J. Clack, StM2/c, edged Larry Thompson, Y1/c, for the South Atlantic Heavyweight laurels.

S. J. Keeny, AMM2/c, Fleet bantam champ, lost an unpopu-

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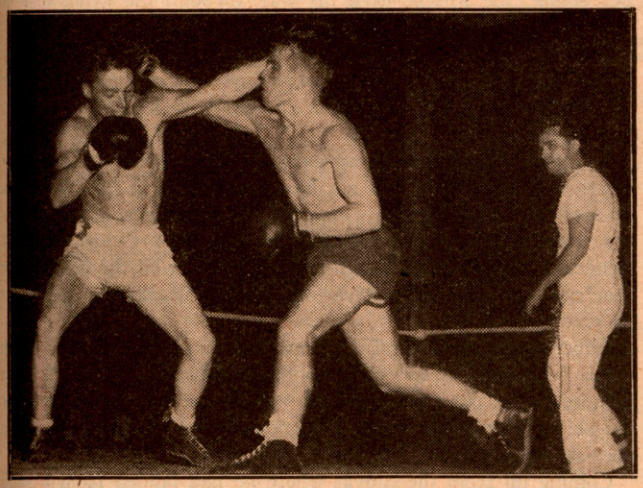
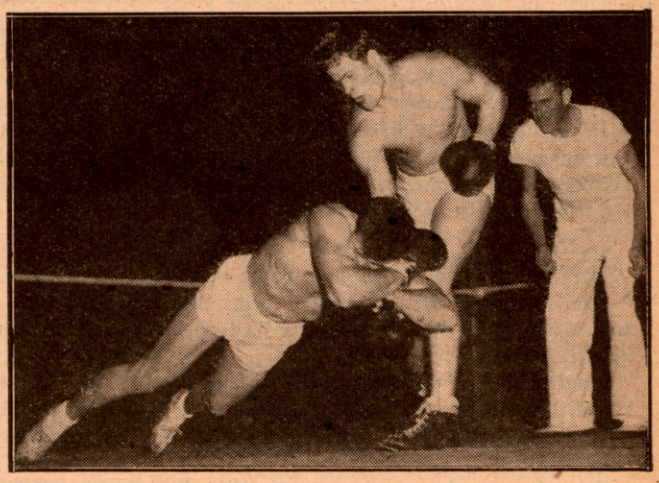
Bob Boulter, S1/c, floors Joe Shore, S1/c, and later scores a K.O. in second round. Referee Lt. Dick Otto.



"Kayo" Haak mixing it with Danny Danfield, Cox. Haak won by a K.O. in second round.



W. A. Spangler, Fourth Fleet Welterweight Champ, decisioned Joe Witkowski, veteran amateur, in another fast three rounds of leather punching.

Standing (L to R)—Bob McGovern, Dutch Clapper, Frankie Caruso, coach; E. J. Clack, Ed Kukla, Bert McGovern, Larry Thompson, Bob Boulter, "Kayo" Haak, Tony Velong, Joe Sharp, George Cohen, Norman Blumenthal. Kneeling—Danny Danfield, Gus Deering, S. J. Keeny, W. A. Spangler, "Ski" Witkowski, Joe Abdallah.

SAILORS BAG BOXING TITLES

Radio Division of San Diego Naval Training Center Captures Service School Championships—Activity at Treasure Island—Newport Boxers Win Golden Gloves Events

By HARRY DWYER, CSM

Navy's RING *Correspondent*

BOXERS from the Radio School at the San Diego Naval Training Center staged their most successful onslaught when they captured the Service School boxing championship at the Southern California city.

Placing 20 men in the boxing finals, seven of whom won their respective coveted crowns in the 13 bout championship events, the "dot and dashers" fought like a flock of South Pacific Wildcats over Japrat territory. Of the 13 bouts, 12 resulted in decisions, with the radiomen copping 98 points to lead the vanguard, followed by the Yeomen who came in second best with four bouts to their credit.

In the open events, William Alexander, 20RM, opened the fistivities by copping an easy one over Homer Lee, 21RM, to take the 118-pound crown.

K. E. Otis, 21RM, took the 126-pound title when he hammered out a clean cut win over R. S. Hardy, 19RM.

James Wood, 12RM, proved his adeptness at slugging when he pummeled his way through terrific infighting to win the lightweight title. Gerald Campbell, 17RM, his opponent, drove a hard bargain, but Wood's heavier walloping turned the trick.

D. E. Price, 22 Yeo., carrying 160 pounds of fighting dynamite, collided with another package of TNT in John Chandler, 12RM, but the extra-potent haymakers of Price proved the more costly, and he emerged with the crown after both boys had been given a resounding bevy of applause for their fistic work.

James Hill, 15GM, smacked his way to victory over H. J. Ayers, 18RM, and won the welterweight tiara.

In the heavyweight division, Victor Mann, 15 Yeo., annexed the title by outpointing Gray Bluth, 20RM, and Robert Brown, 14RM, became the undisputed light-heavyweight crown wearer by taking the measure of Leo Wade, 20RM.

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CLAWING their way through tough opposition, seven pairs of novices answered the starter's bell, opened up their bags of tricks, and gave the tremendous crowd an eyeful of the gentle art of slugging.

Staging a burst of speed in the fading moments of the third round, William Clark, 14GM, scored the only T.K.O. of the program when he clocked M. Orlick, 12RM, to take the heavyweight title.

Other boxers who are now sporting titles in the novice division are Lonnie Finn, 20FC, light-heavyweight; Buck Kimbrel, 20 Yeo., middleweight; O. J. Vital, 18RM, welterweight; Frank DiMaggio, 15 Yeo., lightweight; Gilbert Lopez, 21RM, 126 pounds, and Don Haslam, 118 pounds.

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THE weekly smokers held at the Training Center have proved to be all that the doctor ordered as a morale booster, with the ringsters hammering away at each other's anatomy with the ruggedness of Admiral Turner's forces ploughing their way into Japrat territory. Not a moment's respite was given as the scrappers hammered and clawed their way through the sizzling rounds.

At the smoker held on April 22, Glen McNeil, Co. 95, of Taylorville, Utah, and Carl Buehler, Co. 133, hailing from Grant's Pass, Oregon, staged a slugging scrap when they slam-banged their way right into the hearts of the spectators with McNeil holding the edge throughout the melee.

At the opening bell, McNeil waded into his opponent throwing staggering punches which soon saw Buehler's form draped on the ropes and feeling like a starboard lookout in a fog. In the second heat, Buehler came back strong and rocked the Utah lad, then stood toe-to-toe in the final stanza to slug it out, but was too far back in the count to overcome the odds against him.

On the same card, Ira Luce, Co. 72, and Roland Dietrich, Co. 139, a pair of scrappy game cocks, brought out all their Sunday wallops and let go with a will. In the opening session, Luce, using lightning-like lefts, charged into his foe, but Dietrich, game to the core, came back slamming, taking everything that Luce threw at him until the final round, when he ran smack dab into a hefty one and went out via the kayo route.

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MORE than 6,000 ardent athletic fans turned out at No. 1 Gym at Treasure Island watching the boxers from Camp Parks throw dimmers on an athletic show that combined wrestling, boxing and athletic feats. Every one of the eight bouts were hotter than General Patton's Army marching through Austria.

Opening the fistivities, Joe Dwyer, Camp Parks, and Clarence Smith, Treasure Island, turned on the heat, slamming each other with every punch listed in the wallop catalogue. For three heats, vim, vigor and vitality fairly oozed out of the contestants as they pummeled each other. A draw verdict was a just one.

Starting off slow but winding up like a wounded lioness protecting her young, Joe Roscoe eked his way through the flying fists of Harry Camp to cop the nod in their setto.

Proving that a good big man is sometimes better than a scrappy little one, Jimmy Vallo used to advantage his extra six inches over J. Olivera who lasted through 1 minute, 4 seconds of the second heat.

Raymond "Kangaroo" Day gave the fans an excellent demonstration of how to be and act like a kangaroo in the ring when he used tactics that had his opponent, Ray Rucker, as puzzled as the war lords in Japan trying to figure out the next move of General MacArthur. Although neither scrapper bit the dust during the fray, the unorthodox style of Day had Rucker in hot water on several occasions.

Elmer Rogel touched off the fireworks carried by Lorenzo Clark when he moved in too close to the big battery of Clark who unloosed a terrific right cross midway in the second frame, after the shifty Clark had given a demonstration of left jabs in the opening round.

Coming up from the canvas where he had landed from a solid wallop by Hank Skelly, Acey Rogey, went into high gear, greased his flippers and sailed into the defenses of the counter-punching Skelly who was stalemated in the final round when he grew tired, Rogey taking advantage of the lull, by driving home punches to Skelly's face and body. It was a close win for Acey.

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MAX ANKELE, Camp Parks' streak of lightning, broke into the limelight when he ended the winning streak of Treasure Island's classy Negro boxer, Henry Anderson, in the feature event on the card. Always a hard puncher, Anderson never did get the chance to put across his sleep producer on the cagey Ankele who also carried an assortment of powerful rights, one of which had the Negro socker in trouble in the third heat, but the Camp Parks entry forgot to follow up.

Lon DeJohn of Camp Parks was a ready target for the heavy artillery of Hank Watkins, who uncorked looping rights to DeJohn's jaw in the opening canto, then went on in the second frame to win.

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McGovern's Knockout

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AS for Palmer, that quick knockout did something to him inside. He never was the same Pedlar. He managed to beat Harry W. Ware in England, but in a second encounter with that fighter he lost the British bantam crown in twenty rounds.

Palmer followed with a victory over Dixon, who no longer was the Dixon of yore. However, when the Pedlar tried to wrest the English feather championship from Will Curley, he was knocked out in eight rounds.

The eye-witness story of the single round fought by McGovern and Palmer in that stockade in a field at Tuckahoe, follows:

Palmer and McGovern lost no time in coming to ring center when Pollock gave the gong a sturdy rap. Terry looked just a trifle anxious while Palmer was smiling. Pedlar was the first to lead with a snappy left jab that fell short. Terry backed away with Palmer slowly following him. Again Palmer shot out his left and caught McGovern on the chest.

Terry stood still and Palmer tried his left in a half hook. McGovern stepped back quickly and Palmer, coming in fast, lost his balance and fell to both knees, throwing his arms about McGovern as he fell. Terry stood perfectly still while Palmer rose to his feet and then decided to wait no longer. He began one of those furious rushes that afterward made him famous. He came in like a whirlwind, both hands swinging so fast that Palmer, in his efforts to avoid the storm of hooks and jabs, plainly became rattled.

Left and right swings that landed hard on the Englishman's ribs and ears stirred him up and he was forced to mix it or else retreat. Palmer was slowly driven to the ropes by body blows, although he tried to stand his ground and swap punches. His blows were hard enough and he landed repeatedly on Terry's head, but the little American paid no more attention to these blows than if they had been delivered by a ten year old boy. Instead he simply came in with more swings that were terrific in force.

McGovern had lost his smile and his mouth was open, showing his teeth gritted together, bulldog fashion. His face was a study. He must have known at this stage of the game that it was going to be a short battle, for he hustled with all the vigor at his command and increased the speed of his blows.

Palmer was in a neutral corner again with McGovern sticking to him like a leech. The Englishman landed some of his best swings on the head and also tried for the wind, but for the life of him he could not fight McGovern off and the latter was increasing the gait every moment. The mixup at this point was so hot that the crowd was in a wild state of excitement.

"Terrible Terry" was pouring in the blows so swiftly that it was almost impossible for those close to the ropes to see where they landed. Palmer rushed into a clinch and both moved out into ring center for a bit of light sparring.

The battle had been going on exactly one minute, when to the surprise of everybody, the bell clanged. Johnny Pollock had accidentally let the hammer slip, Referee Siler at the same time realized that a mistake had been made and quickly called Palmer and McGovern to the center again. The accident amounted to very little and had no bearing whatever on the fight except to prolong the battle by about fifteen seconds.

As soon as Siler gave the word Terry was off on another mad rush that carried Palmer before him. The Englishman was slammed up hard against the ropes with Terry right on top of him whaling away with both hands. Palmer could not stave off the blows although he brought all his celebrated defensive tactics into play.

He tried to block off the swings with his elbows and arms, endeavored to use his feet to keep away and twisted his head, as if he had a rubber neck, in an effort to go with the punch but all in vain. A quick left hook, which shot up and landed flush on the jaw, sent Palmer reeling to the floor.

There was a wild shout from the crowd. Palmer was badly dazed and as Siler stood at his head counting off the seconds, he looked around at the ringsiders with an expression of supreme astonishment. He was probably the most surprised man in that crowd.

As Siler reached the six count Palmer slowly pulled himself to his feet. He was badly stung and his legs trembled as he shuffled about the ring. Terry followed him for a few feet and then rushed again with his head down and began shooting them in fast. Palmer tried hard to clinch but McGovern slugged his way out of the hugging embrace. The Englishman had to mix it. He could not get out of the way by any other fistic method.

Again Palmer was cornered with McGovern dancing before him feinting rapidly with either hand and ripping both in when an opening came. A hard right to the side of the head sent Palmer reeling over to the opposite side of the ring where he came up against the ropes with a crash. As he bounded off he was met by McGovern again with two wicked smashes to the face.

Palmer staggered into a clinch and wrapped one arm about Terry's neck. As both of McGovern's hands hung free, he lay his head on the chest of the Englishman and started to work both hands for the body. Both fists worked so fast that it was impossible to count the punches. Suddenly Palmer began to wilt under the body punishment.

His knees began to bend and as Terry landed one terrific left hander in the pit of the stomach, followed quicker than a flash, with a vicious overhand right to the jaw, Palmer fell to the floor in a heap. Referee Siler stood over him and began to count.

The Englishman writhed in pain and turned over on his side. He struggled vainly to get off the floor but he could not raise himself even with his hands. His eyes were partly closed, as if he was in a stupor, but there was not a mark upon his face or a drop of blood in sight.

When the tenth and last second had been counted the English champion still lay prostrate. His seconds quickly piled through the ropes and lifted him to his feet but he could not stand and was dragged to his stool.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

AT San Antonio—Camp Normoyle promoter—Joe Perales, 129, decisioned Melchor Rodriguez, 122, four rounds. Ramon Alva, 122, kayoed Johnnie Chavez G., 133, three rounds. Johnny Villanueva, 120, decisioned Fidel Carmona, 130, six rounds. Rodolfo Villa, 115, decisioned Jose Andreas, 116, six rounds. Fritzie Zivic, 152, kayoed Manuel Villa, 142, eight rounds.

At El Paso—Jimmy Erwin, promoter—Antonio Serrano, 120, kayoed Jose Rodriguez, 118, one round. Rito Torres, 126, kayoed Simon Rangel, 123, one round. Alberto Arratia, 128, decisioned Demetrio Moreno, 130, four rounds. Samuel Andrade, 128, decisioned Manuel Marmalejo, 126, four rounds. Salvador Chavez, 136, decisioned Isidore Blanco, 135, six rounds. Alvaro Estrada, 126, Tkayoed Antonio Leanos, 128, ten rounds.

At San Antonio—Bill Davee, promoter—Frank Martinez, 129¾, decisioned Reymundo Ramirez, 126, four rounds. Ramon Alva, 133, Tkayoed Joe Robinson, 135, one round. Wayne Armstrong, 154, Tkayoed Luis del Angel, 149, three rounds. Tony Rios, 135, decisioned Jose Mendoza, 130, ten rounds. Tony Mar, 135¼, kayoed Paul Lee, 130, three rounds.

At Houston—Ralph Smith, promoter—DeWitt Oliver, 132, Tkayoed Fred Sheppard, 133, one round. Otho Slager, 131, decisioned Reymundo Ramirez, 128, four rounds. Harry Lane Thielepape, 143, decisioned Nash Ortiz, 142, six rounds. Billy Deeg, 148, Tkayoed Pete Sanchez Wood, 143, four rounds. Kid Filipino, 146, decisioned Jerry Pittro, 148½, ten rounds.

At El Paso—Jimmy Erwin, promoter—Antonio Serrano, 122, kayoed Roberto Diharce, 118, two rounds. Francisco Saucedo, 127, decisioned Manuel Marmalejo, 128½, four rounds. Manuel Castro, 126, decisioned Rito Torres, 125, four rounds. Francisco Dozal, 133, decisioned Manuel Rios, 142, four rounds. Samuel Andrade, 125, decisioned Joe Lopez Munoz, 124, six rounds. Manny Ortega, 124, kayoed Alvaro Estrada, 124¼, three rounds.

At Laredo—L. M. Valle, promoter—Matias Ruiz, 124, Tkayoed Simon Medina, 130, six rounds. Francisco Ramirez, 130, decisioned Pedro Acosta, 132, eight rounds. Ignacio Garcia, 142, Tkayoed Jose Arebalo, 132, six rounds.

At Houston—Ralph Smith, promoter—Vincent Mazac, 139, decisioned Rudy Flores, 140, four rounds. Otho Slager, 126, decisioned Melchor Rodriguez, 125, four rounds. James McGrath, 158, Tkayoed Jerry Terry, 157, five rounds. Marion Sims, 158, kayoed Sammy Cole, 156, one round. Kid Filipino, 147, decisioned Billy Deeg, 148, ten rounds.

At San Antonio—Bill Davee, promoter—Jesus Rodriguez, 126, decisioned Jesus Cabral Carillo, 125, four rounds. Ignacio Garcia, 146, kayoed Walter Brady, 145, two rounds. Harry Lane Thielepape, 140, decisioned Roberto Estrada, 138, six rounds. Wayne Armstrong, 156, Tkayoed Julio Serna Rodriguez, 164, four rounds. Tony Mar, 137, decisioned Gene Spencer, 135½, ten rounds.

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NEW ENGLAND BOXING NEWS

By DAN "DOC" AVERY, JR.

WEBSTER, MASS., opened its new boxing club with Bert Lytell, of Fresno, Calif., winning by a TKO over Jimmy Hayden, New York, in the third round. Sam Shumway, Webster, K.O.'ed Alex Rabin, Providence, R. I., in three minutes.

New Bedford, Mass.—Joe Genovese, Toronto, Canada, 140, stopped Oscar St. Pierre, 137, Fall River, by a TKO in the eighth round. Tony Soave, 152, Marine Corps, KO'ed Al Pinel, 152, New Bedford, 3 rounds.

Worcester, Mass.—Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 127, Boston, scored a TKO in the third, over Sammy Montani, 128, Pittsburgh, Pa., of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Boston, Mass.—Pedro Firpo, New Jersey, defeated Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I., in ten rounds, at the Callahan A.C. At the same club, the game Henry Chemel from Portland, Me., lost by a TKO in eight rounds to Reedy Evans of New York. Referee Johnny Martin, who warned Reedy Evans often for roughing, stopped the bout when Chemel received a nasty cut on his right eye and was bleeding furiously. The writer gave the first three rounds to Evans and the last five to Chemel, who was coming along very strong. On the same card in a four round special match, Big Boy Wagner of the U. S. Army, who stands six feet seven inches in height, and weighs around 265 pounds, won from Lou Clark of Philadelphia, in 50 seconds of the opening round. Referee Johnny Martin refused to count over Clark and disqualified him for not giving his best. Clark's money was held up by the Commission.

Fall River, Mass.—Fred Camuso, 140, Fall River, fought a draw with Jimmy Mills, 145, Newark, N. J., in 10 rounds. Steve Cromis, 131, Boston, KO'ed Tony Terry, 128, Fall River, in one round.

Boston, Mass.—Bert Lytell again proved his ability by stopping Irish Johnny Ryan, of Detroit, in 2:58 of the third round. In the semi-final, Cpl. Ed Wagner, Ft. Devens, won a split decision over Earl Lowman, of Detroit.

N. B. A. featherweight Champion Sal Bartolo, 128¾, of Boston, gave rugged Gus (Pell) Mell, 132, of Montreal, an artistic boxing lesson while gaining a unanimous 10-round decision in their return-non-title bout before an 11,027 crowd at the Boston Garden, with a gross of $28,250.

Three weeks previously Mell managed to gain a divided verdict after a battle that was close all the way. Bartolo, who evidently profited by that experience, swept everything by wide margins from the fourth round while nullifying that setback.

Mell made a brave bid for a knockout in the 10th, when he rocked Bartolo's head with a terrific left hook and a sizzling right cross.

Sammy Garcia, 128½, of Quincy, Mell's opponent when he made his Boston debut four months ago, came from behind by capturing the last three rounds to gain a unanimous verdict over Jean Barriere, 132, of Montreal, in their slambang 8-round semi-final.

Two other Montrealers came to grief in the six-rounders, for Steve Kronis, 133, of Boston, gave Leo Methot, 132, an artistic shellacking and the Blond Tiger, 126, of Lowell, outpointed Jerry Lavigne, 121.

Both of the scheduled four-rounders ended in the opening sessions. George Butler, 124, of Waterbury, Conn., knocking out George Dresser, 129, of Boston, and Jimmy Pettie, 155½, of Woburn, scoring a technical knockout over Paul Ryan, 154, of Boston.

Worcester, Mass.—Johnny Cool, 136, Worcester, decisioned Steve Bellus, 134, Rochester, N. Y., in eight rounds.

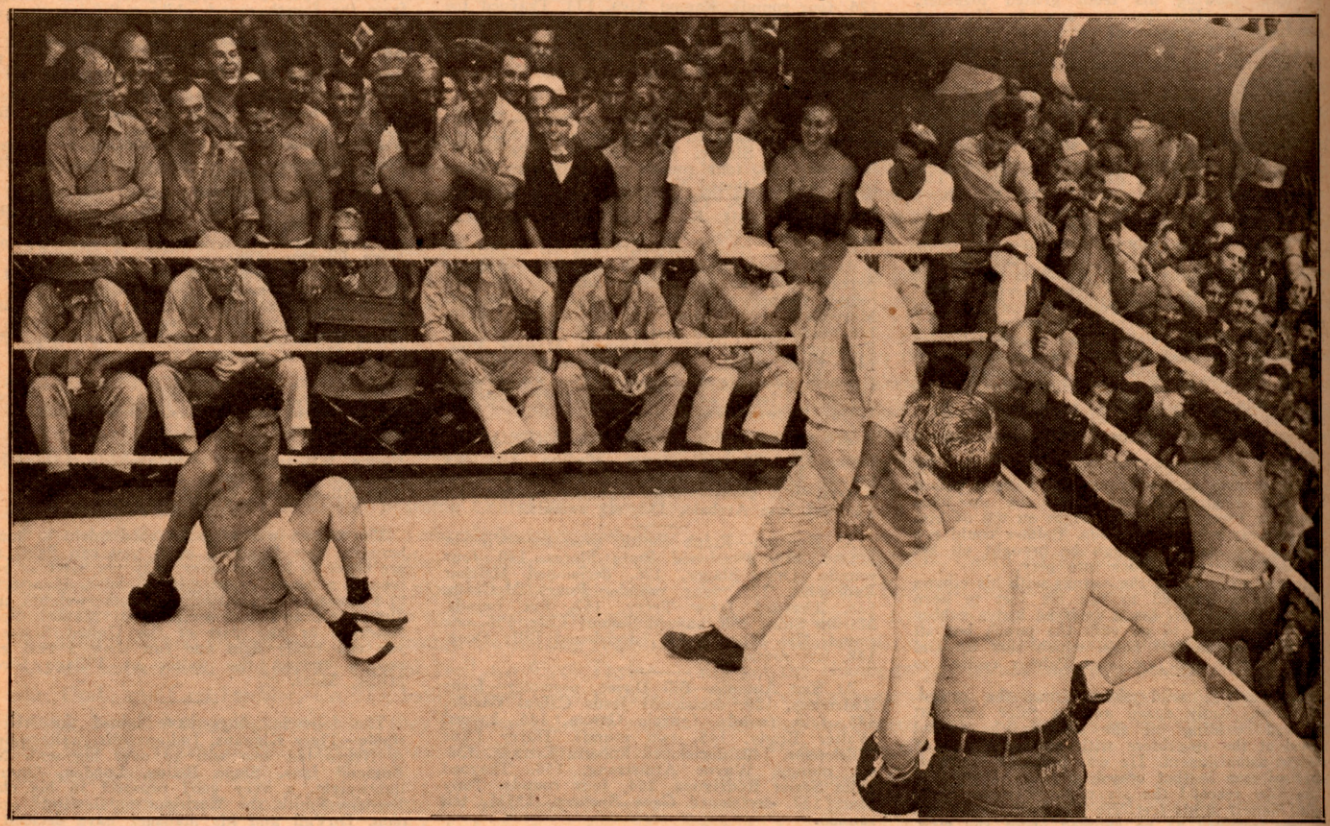
Willis Buckless, 155, Saugus, knocked out Henry Williams, 148, Philadelphia (2); Clyde Diamond, 133, Boston, technically knocked out Allie Allison, 139, Boston (2).

The writer is looking for good talent to handle here in New England, so if you can fight, and are eager to be kept busy, why not send us your record, a photo, your weight, color, if attached to a manager or unattached. Featherweights, middleweights, and heavyweights, in Mexico, South America, or any part of the United States if you can really fight and can show a real good record, contact the writer at Village Street, Millis, Mass.

The following boys have joined the writer's stable—Tiger Kiggans, Indianapolis, welterweight. A Negro lad who will go over big with New England fans. Steve Bellus, London, Ontario, lightweight, a very good prospect in his class. Pordena Smith, the Maritime middleweight champion. DuVall and his manager have decided to change from the middleweight class to the light-heavyweight class, and in the future DuVall will campaign in this division.

WITH THE COAST GUARD BOXERS

Returning with winning trophies from three out of four entries in the Northwest Service Command Boxing Tournament recently held at Prince Rupert, B.C., Canada, are these Coast Guardsmen from an advanced base in Alaska. Left to right, they are: Martin T. Bean, specialist first class, boxing trainer, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; William C. Stohl, machinist's mate second class, of Route 2, Geneseo, Illinois, who won the Heavyweight Open Class title; Henry G. Price, boatswain's mate second class, of 60 East Glenwood St., Ecorse, Michigan, who won the Lightweight Novice Crown; Lieutenant A. H. Hook, of the Alaska Air-Sea Rescue Unit, who accompanied the men on the tourney; Robert Price, seaman first class, of 45 East Charlotte St., Ecorse, Michigan, who claimed top honors in the Featherweight Division; Frank S. Miller, signalman third class, of 2 Garden St., Hartford, Conn., who came within one point of winning the title in the Welterweight Novice Class; and Delmar L. Gregory, motor machinist's mate first class, of 215 S.E., 7th, Portland, Oregon, a boxing trainer. The Coast Guard's excellent showing in the All-Service tournament won them a Team Cup in addition to individual trophies.



A scene aboard a Coast Guard-manned Troop Transport in the Pacific. Coast Guard Commander Jack Dempsey starts the count over Coast Guardsman Kennard B. Calfee, chief gunner's mate of Riverdale, Md., in bout with Coast Guardsman W. A. Gaither, Specialist 3/c, Gaither won the match in the second round by a kayo. Dempsey later participated in the invasion of Okinawa aboard a Coast Guard-manned invasion ship.

AIRMEN *in* CHINA TAKE TIME OUT *for* BOXING

THE BOYS at the Fourteenth Air Force Base in China are fighting the Japs for keeps, but they also find time to put on a good boxing card to the delight of Chinaside GI fight fans who have little in the way of sports entertainment.

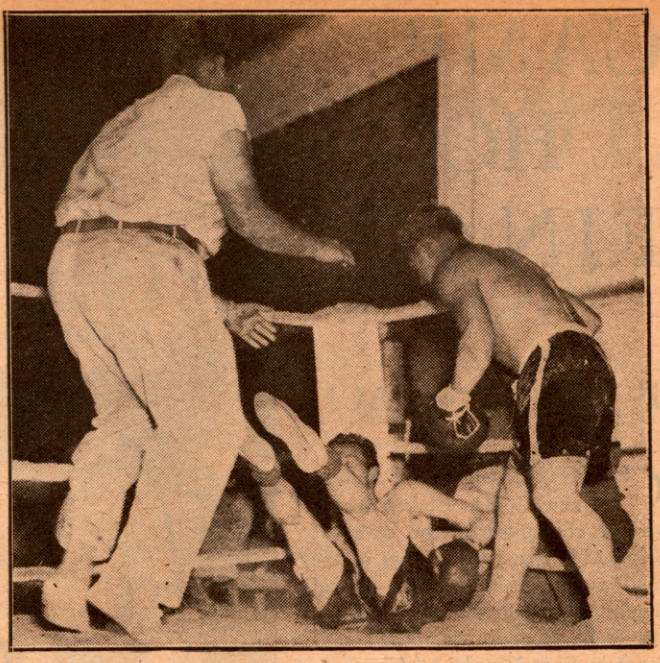
Last March the first of such a series, which will lead to China championships in all weights, was sponsored by the Special Service of this base. This first card with eight bouts was staged in conjunction with the 2nd Anniversary commemoration exercises of Maj. Gen. C. L. Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force "Flying Tigers."

Action-loving GI's found all bouts up to par, for most of the fighters have had amateur or Golden Gloves experience in civilian life. The handling was strictly professional, with several former New York fight figures in charge. Capt. Mark M. Conn, of Arverne, Long Island, N. Y., the Base Special Service officer who took charge, was former Golden Gloves lightweight ace, who toured Europe with the U.S. Golden Gloves team in 1936. He was an athletic director in the New York City Park Department and head coach of the Fort Knox boxing teams.

One of the referees was Sgt. Ben Neglia of Brooklyn, N. Y., known along Punch-Row as manager of Macon's Gym on 3rd Avenue in civilian life.

In an exhibition, no-decision bout Sgt. Joe Waldo, Syracuse, N. Y., mixed it with Lt. Al Grasso, Newark, N. J. Both are former professional mittmen. Lt. Grasso, of Newark, as a classy lightweight and welterweight pro, has met some of the best boys in his hey-day.

The results of the bouts follow:



ACTION IN FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE FIGHT CARD
This is evidence of plenty of leather-pushing in recent Fourteenth Air Force 2nd Anniversary commemoration boxing show held at Base hangar. The man sprawled in the corner, with feet in mid-air, is Cpl. Melvin Sheldon of Elmira Heights, N. Y., who lost to Andrew Giordano of Brooklyn, N. Y. This welterweight three-rounder, fought under collegiate rules, was one of the best fights on the card. Giordano dumped Sheldon several times in stanza two, but Sheldon came back strong in the third and barely missed earning a draw. The third man in the ring is Sgt. Phil Packard of New York City.

Bantamweight: S/Sgt. John Vinvenzio, Springfield, Mass., decisioned Cpl. Eliot Norat, Bronx, N. Y.

Featherweight: Lt. Murray Chasin, Atlanta, Ga., decisioned Sgt. Lou Songiovanni, Cumberland, Md.

Lightweight: Cpl. Irving Woods, Providence, R. I., TKO'ed Cpl. Jimmy Davis, Chicago, Ill.

Welterweight: Cpl. Andrew Giordano, Brooklyn, N. Y., decisioned Cpl. Melvin Sheldon, Elmira Heights, N. Y.

Welterweight: Pvt. Tony Pulio, Detroit, Mich., decisioned Sgt. Abe Garber, Bronx, N. Y.

Welterweight: S/Sgt. Joe Ruscigno, San Jose, Cal., decisioned Lt. William Young, Burbank, Cal.

Sgt. Mike Havern, Erie, Pa., drew with Cpl. Marvin Shields, Houston, Texas, in a light-heavy bout.

Heavyweight: Sgt. John Babic, Detroit, Mich., decisioned Cpl. Fred Andrews, Salem, Oregon.

ZEZIMA, N. Y. LIGHTWEIGHT, *on* LST

By **Seth Shepard, Pho. M. 2/c, USCGR**
A Coast Guard Combat Photographer

ABOARD A COAST GUARD MANNED LST AT OKINAWA, April 13—(Delayed)—Frank Zezima, former lightweight fighter who won 32 out of 34 fights in New York City, was "rediscovered" during the invasion of Okinawa by a Marine fight fan and amateur boxer. In the U. S. Coast Guard for the last three years, modest Zezima, a coxswain now aboard a Coast Guard manned LST, had not revealed much about his fighting career to his shipmates. But on the way to the invasion of Okinawa, a Marine recognized Zezima, having seen him fight at Madison Square Garden and at a work-out in Hartford, Conn.

The Marine, Private First Class Alphonse J. Toczko, himself an amateur fighter with a good record of scraps at Parris Island Marine Base in the fall and winter of 1943, recognized Zezima on the bridge deck of the LST. Zezima was making his rounds at the time as boatswain of the watch. Before the Okinawa invasion, Zezima had seen action with his ship during the bitter campaign at Iwo Jima.

After Zezima left high school in Stamford, Conn., where he lives at 226 West Main Street, he started fighting as an amateur lightweight throughout Connecticut. Fighting then more for sport, he used the name Billy Brown, Jr., taking the name his father had used many years before as a fighter. But young Zezima was known through the state more popularly as the Connecticut Bomber.

Discovering there was a future in fighting for him, Zezima turned professional and went on to New York City, where he became well known as a hard slugger. He fought in Madison Square Garden four times.

His most important bout was with Cosby Linson, whom he fought to an eight round draw just before enlisting in the Coast Guard. Linson later beat Lew Jenkins, former lightweight champ, also in the Coast Guard.

Zezima served around St. Louis in the Ninth Naval District Shore Patrol before coming out to the Pacific for LST duty.

CAMP HOOD FINALS

By
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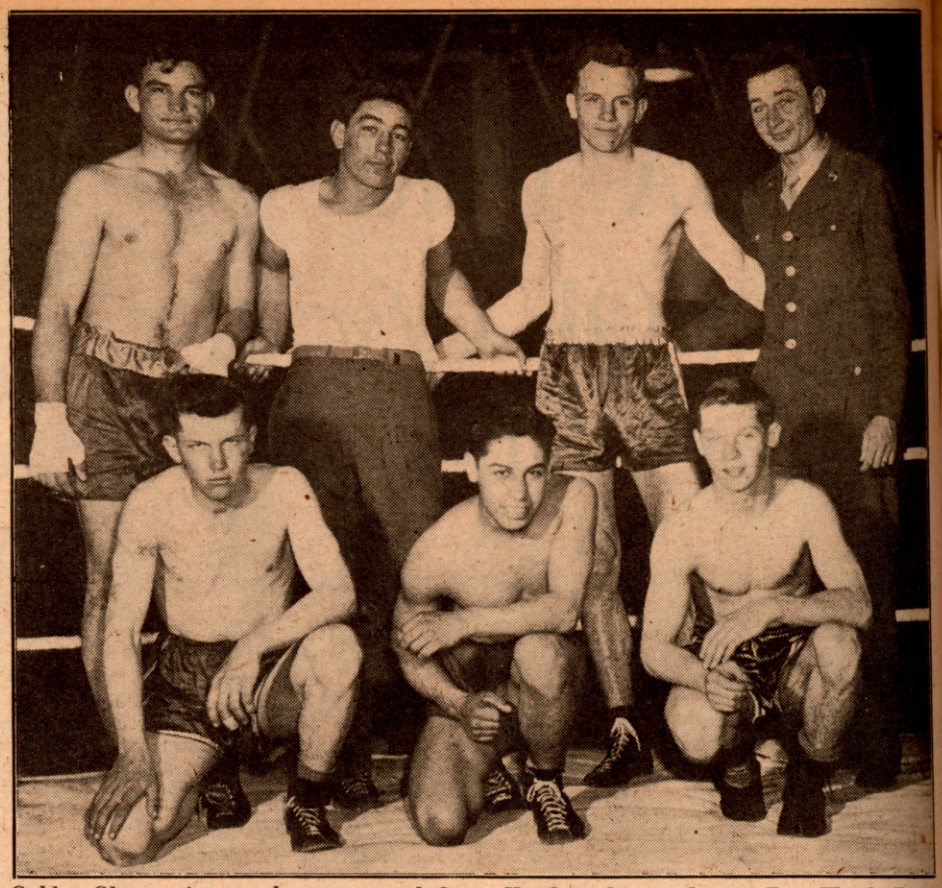


Golden Gloves winners who represented Camp Hood at the matches in Fort Worth, Texas. Left to right, rear—Cpl. Eugene Gosney, 443rd FA, heavyweight; Cpl. Samuel Grounds, 443rd FA, light-heavyweight; Pvt. Robert Ingersoll, 153rd IRT Bn., middleweight; Pvt. James Willis, 138th TDRT Bn., welterweight. Kneeling—Pvt. Clarence Hoesing, 150th IRT Bn., lightweight; Pvt. Benito Guajardo, 153rd IRT Bn., featherweight; and Pvt. Jack Shoemaker, 176th IRT Bn., bantamweight.

CPL. GENE GOSNEY became the new Golden Gloves heavyweight champion of the state of Texas, by virtue of a kayo in the final round of the ninth annual Texas State Gloves tournament at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth.

Gosney, a good looking lad standing 6 feet 2 inches and weighing 198 pounds, has quite an interesting fistic background. He was former heavyweight champion at Fort Sill, and later went on to win the Oklahoma state championship in 1943. His civilian experience includes coaching and managing amateur boxing teams.

Cpl. Sammy Grounds, popular light-heavyweight, and also former Gloves champion at Fort Sill and Oklahoma, was defeated in his bid for the 18th Tournament of Champions at Chicago. Tom Attra, San Antonio, thrice crowned light-heavyweight champ, eked out a decision over Grounds. Here are the Camp Hood Gloves Finals:

Bantamweight: Pvt. Jack Shoemaker decisioned Pvt. Royal Carpenter, and ended Carpenter's string of 20 consecutive Glove wins. Shoemaker dropped his opponent for a three count, the only knockdown of this bout.

Featherweight: Pvt. Benito Guadjardo, San Antonio, and Pvt. Charlie Withrow, French Lick, Indiana, put on a sizzling display of punching power, before Guajardo emerged victorious. Toe to toe slugging marked the third stanza before the bell ended the bout.

Lightweight: Clarence Hosing, defeated Bob Fox by default as Fox suffered a broken hand in a previous encounter.

Welterweight: Jimmy Willis scored a technical kayo over Richard Limberg in 1 minute and 25 seconds of the third round.

Middleweight: Bob Ingersoll wasted little time knocking out Willard Elliot in 1 minute and 40 seconds of the first round. A wicked right sent Elliot spinning to the canvas.

Light-heavyweight: Sammy Grounds' fiery left-hooking and superlative defensive skill earned him an easy decision over Chicago's Joe Pellegrino. Grounds had Pellegrino in serious trouble throughout.

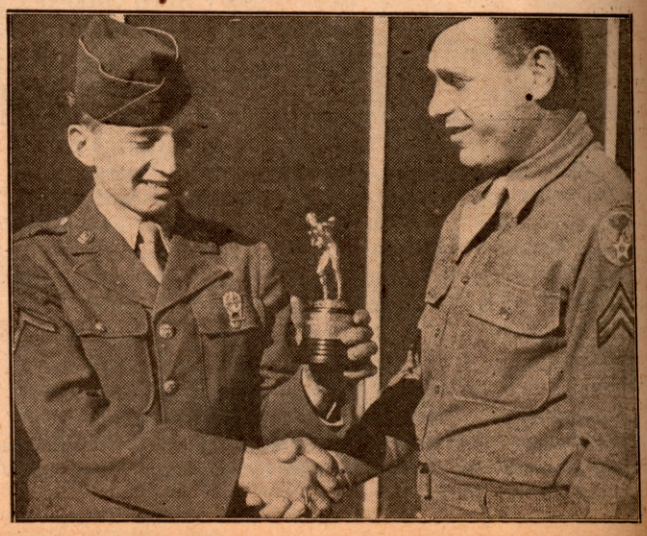
Heavyweight: Gene Gosney, Seminole, Okla., smashed his way into the Camp Hood Golden Gloves championship, with a terrific uppercut that rocked Pvt. Steve Palker, Desoto, Mich., to sleep in 1 minute and 28 seconds of the first round.

GAULT ANNEXES BANTAM TITLE

ONE of the best boxers in the Ninth Service Command is Pfc. Everett Gault, who before joining the army, held the Southern amateur bantamweight championship. He was a frequent participant in Golden Gloves tourneys in which he starred. He carried off the title in tournaments staged in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama and had not the war temporarily halted him, he would probably have annexed the National championship.

Gault, now stationed at Douglas Army Air Field, takes his boxing seriously but not to the extent of neglecting his regular work at which he has an excellent record. He trains daily after his army duties are completed and is always in fine condition. He is 21 years old. His duty is that of Link Trainer, handling Cadets.

After winning the bantamweight crown of the Ninth Service Command he turned pro and in his debut, he engaged in a winning contest in Juarez, Mexico. He is being trained by Cpl. Johnny Holewski. The picture shows the pair, with Gault holding the trophy awarded to him for his bantam championship victory.



Pfc. Everett Gault being congratulated by his trainer, Cpl. Johnny Holewski, after winning bantam title.

SISKO, FORMER FLYWEIGHT, ACTIVE *on the* CHINA FRONT

STAFF SERGEANT PETER SISKO, 36, of Askam, Pa., one of the first Americans to box a Japanese, is now serving as acting supply sergeant in a field headquarters of the Chinese Combat Command in South-Central China.

Sisko, at present in the Coast Artillery Corps, served with the famous 15th Infantry in Tientsin in 1933 and 1934. He boxed Russians, Americans and Filipinos and on one occasion came up against a Jap boxer, Katzu Matzuma, whom he knocked out in the fourth round, although the Jap outweighed him ten pounds.

Hu Shu Chung, at that time governor of Hopeh province, presented Sisko with a championship belt for winning the North China title in the flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight divisions.

Sisko was graduated from Plymouth, Pa., High School in 1926 and in April, 1927, enlisted in the Regular Army. A year later he was discharged. He boxed professionally in the flyweight division for a Wilkes-Barre club until November, 1931, when he reenlisted in the Army.

He was immediately sent to the Philippine Islands with the 31st Infantry and early in 1932 went to Shanghai with his unit. He transferred to the 15th Infantry at Tientsin and remained with that unit for over two years.

Returned to the United States, four months later, he was ordered to the 4th Coast Artillery in Panama, where he remained for two years. While stationed in Panama he won the Pacific flyweight boxing title in 1936-37.

From 1939 he was assigned at Fort Hancock, N. J., where he played quarterback on the post team against Fort Monmouth and other nearby camps.

Until war was declared, Sisko was on recruiting duty as substation commander in Morristown, N. J. After Pearl Harbor, he was stationed in Greenland for a year, then returned to the United States and was ordered overseas to the Orient for the second time. He arrived in India in December, 1943, after six weeks in North Africa, and three months later flew across the "Hump" route of the Himalayas.

Upon his arrival in China, he was sent to a field artillery training center, where American officers and enlisted men instructed selected Chinese troops in the employment and mechanics of the American-supplied 75-millimeter pack howitzer, the artillery weapon best suited for the mountainous, roadless terrain of China, where practically all transport must be by coolie carrier or tiny pack horse.

In May, 1944, Sisko was ordered to Kweilin to join a group of Americans advising, training, supplying and equipping the Chinese armies for their battle against the Jap aggressors. After serving as an artillery instructor for a brief period, he joined an artillery battalion of Chinese troops at Hengyang, where he remained until forced out by the Japs.

Returning to the American base at Kweilin, Sisko assisted in the organization of a field artillery training center, but again the Japs advanced and in September, 1944, the Americans were evacuated, Sisko leaving by plane, and the Japs occupied the city in October.

In December, 1944, he was ordered to his present assignment in South-Central China. For his service in the field, Sisko is entitled to wear a bronze campaign star on his Asiatic campaign ribbon.

A brother, George, 23, is a sergeant in the field artillery, at present Somewhere in France.

Sailors Bag Titles

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"FLASH" GORDON, junior heavyweight wrestling champion, and Babe Rodriguez, Dixie heavyweight champion, staged a 20-minute grunt and groan battle which found the fans in an eager mood, as the pair of behemoths went through their paces with the verdict winding up even-steven.

Officials for the boxing bouts were, judges, Dave Stevenson, and CSP(A) Ray Jewel; referees, Frankie Carter, well-known Pacific Coast fight arbiter, and Eddie James. CSP(A) H. McLaughlin handled the timekeeping job.

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IT'S all over but the cheering now, but the boxing fans at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., have something to crow about to their buddies, their boxing team captured the group honors in the three-day Narragansett Bay Athletic Association Golden Glove Tournament, held in Boston, with 11 points. Lieut. Corbett, of the NTS, directed the tournament.

In addition to winning the group crown, the Newport boxers threw a bombshell into the works when they finished ahead of such stellar boxing teams as those from Quonset Air Station, Hedron, Camp Endicott, and the Naval Net and Fuel Depot.

Winners of the tournament are as follows:

Ken Rowan NTS, won over John Watrous, CE, by a T.K.O.

Jay Rollins, NTS, decisioned Jack Moshman, NTS, 122 pounds.

M. S. Douglas, NAS, 128 pounds, decisioned Wilfred Thomas, 127½, CE.

G. Hart, NTS, 133 pounds, decisioned W. M. Scott, 135, NTS.

G. C. Childers, 137, Hedron, decisioned R. L. Carter, NAS, 136 pounds.

Billy Sims, 139, CE, decisioned T. Gallon, 139, NTS.

Frank Hardeman, 141, CE, decisioned Hank Brooker, 148, NTS.

Charles Stein, 156, Net and Fuel, decisioned Edward Richmond, 150, NAS.

Raymond Echols, 158, Hedron, decisioned C. Thomas, 155, NAS.

R. E. Shaifar, 171, NTS, decisioned E. J. Henwood, 170, NAS.

Mario Zeimazzaro, 202, PT, won by default over S. F. Strozier, 215, NTS.

Howard Landgraf, 224, Hedron, won by kayo on 1 minute of first round over P. S. Meeks, 220, NTS.

Tourney officials were, judges: Eugene Driscoll, N.E.A.A.U. Boxing Committee, and J. J. Sheehan, chairman N.E.A.A.U.; referee, Joe Eustis; timers, A. R. Callahan and David Andrews. Winners were presented with a miniature golden glove, with the losers receiving a silver glove. Captain Peter Moncy presented the plaque, and the individual awards were presented by Lieut. James C. Loveless. A $25 War Bond was awarded to Raymond Echols as the best sportsman of the tourney.

K. O. Haak's Fists

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lar decision to Joe Abdallah, S1/c, in an overweight match.

Other results were: George Cohen, S1/c, 148, decisioned Gus Deering, CSt, 143; Burt McGovern, S1/c, 144, eliminated Dough Scott, HA1/c, 146; Bob McGovern, S1/c, 152, outclassed W. Washington, StM1/c, 158; Larry Asito, SSMB3/c, 150, won a close contest from A. J. Jenkins, HA1/c, 150; Bob Boulter, S1/c, 180, came from behind to win by a T.K.O. from Joe Sharpe, S1/c, 170; E. Kukla, TM2/c, 190, outpointed H. A. Heard, Mus2/c, 185.

Winners of the colorful fights received engraved water-proof, shockproof wrist watches and losers were given monogrammed leather traveling bags. The contestants included the most outstanding boxers from shore stations and ships of the Fourth Fleet.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

PHIL MUSCATO didn't have any too much on Nate Bolden in their ten-round windup for the Fairview A. C., but Phil was awarded the decision by Referee Ed Sears and Judge George Needham. The other judge, Anselm Carroll, handed Bolden the verdict by a few points.

Many of the newspapermen, including Frank Wakefield of *The News*, Charlie Bailey and Billy Kelly of the *Courier-Express* thought Bolden had won and made no bones about printing their views. Bert Finch, veteran manager, and perhaps the smartest boxing man in this town, thought Muscato had a slight edge. Your correspondent concurs with Finch in this view. In short, Muscato had nothing to brag about in his win.

Bolden proved himself a hard body puncher and made Muscato wince more than once, but Phil's aggressiveness earned him the decision.

In other bouts on the Muscato-Bolden program Jimmy Mandell, 158, Buffalo, stopped Salvator Mendoza, 161, third round; Jim Williams, 219, won the decision over Henry Taylor, 189, Philadelphia, six rounds; Joe Miller, Buffalo, 138, knocked out Mickey Decaro, 134, Sandusky, Ohio, fifth round. In the opener Howard Ghee, 165, Rochester, won a T.K.O. over Joe Gimbrone in the first round.

Buffalo's promising heavyweight, Gus Schlee, scored his second consecutive knockout by putting Joe Martin, 199, to sleep in 41 seconds of the first round. Schlee looks like the real goods.

Johnny Green won a hard-fought decision over Jackie Wilson, the tall California Negro welterweight, at Memorial Auditorium. Green's win was a unanimous vote of the two judges and Eddie Dears, referee.

In other bouts on the same card, Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, defeated Wild Oscar Boyd, Buffalo, in the eight-round semi-final. Irish Mickey Doyle, Sudbury, Ont., whipped Vic Belanger, Buffalo, in a six-rounder at middleweight; Alex Jones, Pittsburgh, stopped Stan Myke, Buffalo, second round. They are heavyweights. Sal Musa won a T.K.O. over Bob Simpson, Cleveland, one round. In the four-round opener Sgt. Jim Martin outpointed Al Mitchell, Lackawanna, in a rough heavyweight tilt.

Chairman Eddie Eagan of the New York State Athletic Commission was on hand for the Green-Wilson show and also to instruct local officials on the new point system. Eagan was introduced from the ring and the fans gave him an ovation. The point system as advocated by Mr. Eagan may work out all right, but your correspondent believes that the first requisite of boxing officials is that they should be experienced in the game. Novices and newcomers cannot give a proper decision.

Boxing is the only sport which selects its officials via politics. In baseball, football, hockey, etc., one must be an authority on the sport in order to secure assignments.

RESIN DUST—Joe Woodman, who managed Sam Langford for about twenty years, was here with Nate Bolden for the latter's setto with Phil Muscato. . . . Another veteran manager who saw the fray was Tommy Walsh of Chicago. . . . Tommy came up from Detroit with Louis Newman. . . . Joe Savoldi, one-time Notre Dame football star, is still a great wrestling attraction. . . . Joe helped fill the Memorial Auditorium for Jack Herman's wrestling card, May 5. . . . Herman and Jerry Monahan will continue to stage shows until hot weather sets in and perhaps they'll take a fling at the outdoor stuff later.

AROUND THE TOWN—Irish Mickey Doyle, Sudbury, Ont., middleweight, is now under the management of Junior Singer. . . . Junior has Doyle boxing regularly on Hudson Boxing Club cards. . . . The new Main Street gym managed by Sam Mineo, is doing well. . . . Billy Mitchie says he will run boxing shows all summer whenever he can get good cards together. . . . Right now Billy is seeking topnotchers to box Phil Muscato, who is going great guns. . . . One of Buffalo's oldtimers, Al Rogers, is back in the picture, this time as a manager. . . . Al is handling Tony Allen, 142 pounds, and Chippy Metrie, 135. . . . Both lads are working out at the Mineo gym. Charlie Pinto has agreed to work with Phil Muscato in future bouts, and Charlie should be quite a help to Muscato. . . . Bert Finch is going to get four or five new fighters as soon as the lads are mustered out of the service. Finch has some real stars in the making and will be back on top again before many weeks roll by. . . . Bert will get a new gym going at the right time, but his emporium will be a training place for the Finch stable only. . . . The old Mickey McInerny gym has closed and Mickey's new place is the Morgan baths. . . . Thus all three public gymnasiums in Buffalo will be within a stone's throw of each other. . . . Jack Singer's big training quarters is at North Division and Washington Streets. . . . Bill Mitchie has Connie McCarthy's promise that Champion Ike Williams will fight here this summer. . . . Ike will attract a bumper house. . . . Johnny Green is taking it a bit easy, but will soon be ready to box again. . . . What about a match featuring Green and Al (Bummy) Davis? . . . Terry Gregory of Old Forge, N. Y., who was in the local fight picture years ago, was in town last week renewing acquaintances with old friends.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

LARRY BOLVIN, Ernie Forte, and Ralph Zannelli, Providence's foremost boxers, reappeared before the local fans after a long absence. Bolvin thrilled the large gathering with one of the most exciting battles seen here. Forte scored a revenge victory over Jerry Fiorello in easy fashion. The local speed merchant gave a masterful boxing exhibition. Zannelli returned here after an absence of two years and displayed rare form.

"Schoolboy" Jerry Berthiaume is now residing in Providence. Tony Petronella has taken over the management of the former Canadian soldier. Warren Walden presented for the entertainment of the members of the B'nai B'rith, a sports show which included boxing matches by such old timers as Young Montreal, Mickey Devine and Eddie Hannan, and present stars. Ralph Zannelli and Tony Brandino. Sharkey Bounanno refereed. All gave their services gratis.

Joey Archibald, former world's featherweight champ, stationed at Newport, R. I., is in the Navy.

Mike Ciardullo has a pleasing performer in featherweight Harold "Cannonball" Gibson. His bout with Bolvin was a thriller. A return match is on Dave Cashman's docket.

Manny Almeida has a return match between Long and Bouchard, and between Long and Menichelli signed. This writer, with the assistance of Larry McManus and Dick "The Voice" McHale, presented a boxing smoker for the enjoyment of our fellow members of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Benny Delgardo, R. I. amateur champ and Allie Webber, 118-pound champ, scored K.O. victories at Jack Witchi's show. Joe De Rosa has under his wing a young heavy who he thinks will make the grade. His name is Frankie Cotoia.

Ernie Forte has never lost a bout when Bobby Vitti was in his corner. Vitti has seconded Forte in 51 of his victories. Ernie Guisti, recently discharged from the army, has returned to the ring. Jimmy Ruzzo scored a sensational K.O. over Mario Griffin. He has now 21 K.O.'s, one decision in 24 bouts. Jimmy Nelson will be back in action in June. He is now recuperating from an appendectomy. Pat Doyle, Fall River lightweight, will soon be ready to meet the best in New England. He is managed by Frankie Camuso.

Here are the results of the month:

R. I. Auditorium—Louis Long, Chicago heavyweight, kept his winning streak intact here by winning a unanimous ten-round decision over Lorient Bouchard, French-Canadian heavy. Bouchard substituted for the ailing Fernando Menichelli.

Elks' Auditorium—Bert Lytell, Oakland, Cal., 154, beat Joe Reddick, 157, Paterson, N. J., in a ten-round main bout before 1020 fans. Joey Angelo, 139, Philadelphia, was very impressive in beating Billy Napper, 146, Boston, in six. Billy Murray, 128, Boston, stopped Sammy Montani, 132, Pittsburgh, in the fourth of a six. Al Pinel, 156, New Bedford, stopped Kid Reed, 146, Boston, in six. Dave Butler beat Eddie Davis in four.

R. I. Auditorium—Larry Bolvin, popular local featherweight, returned before the home crowd to defeat Harold Gibson, New York whirlwind, in a furious ten-round match. Each fighter scored a knockdown during this very exciting battle. A large crowd attended and witnessed a good card.

Southbridge, Mass.—Mike Lucas, Providence welterweight, upset Lou Perry, New York welter, in a ten-round main bout.

R. I. Auditorium—Ernie Forte, local welterweight star, had little trouble in defeating Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn middleweight, in a ten-round main event. Ernie applied an educated left to the face and body effectively and won all but the first round.

In a semi-final eight-round bout, Jolting Jimmy Ruzzo, local lightheavy, won with ease over the very cautious Don Conway, New York lightheavy. Ruzzo floored Conway twice in the sixth round.

R. I. Auditorium—Ralph Zannelli, 149½, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Ray Rovelli, 150½, New York, in the sixth round of a scheduled ten. Zannelli floored his opponent twice in the third and cut him about the mouth and nose. At the end of the sixth round, Irish Eddie Brink and Al Ridgeway, handlers of Rovelli's agreed with Referee Ben Macaulan that the bout should be stopped. A crowd of 2974, the largest this year, paid a gross gate of $6,396 to sit in on this tussle.

In the semi-final eight, Berry Wright, 145½, Cleveland, won on a unanimous decision over Stanley Miller, 146, New York, in a hard fought battle. Al Barbosa, 154, Wareham, stopped Bob Allen, 151, Roxbury, in the second. Eddie Silvia, 169, K.O.'ed Danny Price, 174, in the first. Both are of Providence. Benny Gomez, 140, Providence, K.O.'ed Art Allison, 138, Boston, in the second.

Managers and fighters wishing bookings here should contact this writer at 307 Wickenden St., Providence 3, R. I.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

BOXING fandom, agog over the promised return of the pro sport here, are already making "mind matches." Ring followers have their favorites and if one half the bouts they suggest could be made, the promoters would be assured capacity crowds and golden gates. One fistic enthusiast suggested: "Beau Jack" vs. Joey Curcio," while still another addict wanted: "Ray Robinson vs. Red Cochrane!" It is not likely either match will be staged here, but it goes to show the boys who pay the freight have good taste in fight fare.

Chet Vinci, Rome welterweight, distinguished himself in two service bouts. He captured the Central Pacific welter crown by defeating Seaman Second Class Jim Dee, of Sanger, Calif., and later beat John Thomas, soldier of New York, in Honolulu contests.

Down in Montgomery, Ala., Corp. Jerry Miller of Corning, N. Y., was awarded a medal for being the most outstanding boxer in the three day boxing tourney of the A.A.F. Eastern Flying Command. Jerry annexed the middleweight title, and he and his stable-mates representing Tyndall Field, took team honors.

Irv Robbins has brought out a new ring star in the person of John Henry King, a youngster who specializes in a steady punching barrage. John Henry, needless to say, is a real crowd pleaser.

Corp. Luke Massaro, of the Marines, says that Ralph De John would not have lost his Central Pacific heavyweight crown to Bill Bassett, had he been in condition for their Honolulu battle. According to Massaro, Ralph took the match on short notice as a favor to the promoter. Ralph figured he could beat Bassett easily, but learned to his sorrow that condition is the important thing in a ring tilt. However, Ralph did not disgrace himself and we feel DeJohn will regain his toga if given another crack at Bassett. In trim, DeJohn is a classy piece of fighting machinery.

Larry Hardy, of Pittsburgh, outpointed Oscar Boyd, Buffalo middleweight, in the 10 round top at Binghamton. Al Seidman, Scranton, defeated Tommy Daniels, Pittsburgh welter, in the six round semi-final.

LEFT HOOKS: Armand DeMatteo, welterweight brother of Pancho DeMatteo, co-owner with Joe Gardner, in the operation of the Jefferson-Clinton cigar store, is due home from Fairbanks, Alaska, on an Army furlough this month. . . . Babe Amos, and his brother Sammy, are doing nicely at their Lodi St. grill. . . . Two Ton Tony Galento has nothing on the Babe for size. . . . Capt. Gilbert A. Monti, former local boxer, now in the ETO, was awarded the bronze star for meritorious service. . . . Harold Victory, ex-featherweight knockout king, will probably return to the fistic wars when his old mentor, Smiling Jimmy Fittipaldi, returns from the current strife. . . . Joe Lotta is Rochester's newest boxing promoter. . . . Joe is aided and abetted by those two veterans of the mitt game, Johnny Burba and Sam Porcelli. . . . Johnny Flynn, Rochester's heavyweight sensation, has been drafted.

The State Athletic Commission is checking closely on applications for pro boxing licenses. . . . Eddie Eagan made a trip upstate to talk with promoters and newspaper men. . . . The new Commissioner promised to do everything in his power to help revive the smaller clubs. . . . At one time, clubs were operating in Syracuse, Utica, Rochester, Buffalo, Auburn, Ithaca, Glens Falls, Troy, Albany, Binghamton, Elmira and Schenectady, but the heavy overhead forced most of them out of business. . . . Syracuse has lacked an indoor site ever since the old Arena was taken over by the city bus corporation and rebuilt into a garage. . . . Jimmy Alpert predicts Red Cochrane will lose his welter crown in his first defense of the bauble, if he meets either Sugar Robinson, or Fritzie Zivic!

We received an avalanche of mail following our last column from boys in the service seeking advice as to whether or not they should become pro fighters after the war. . . . Some of them admit they never had a glove on until they entered the service. . . . Most of them have developed into fine prospects under capable service coaches and will make good as money chasers. . . . Irv Robbins is driving his car again. . . Said auto has been laid up for repairs ever since a storm blew down Irv's garage and smashed the top of his car in. . . . Joe Carter and Tommy Rotolo, matched with good opposition, would sell-out the Rome ball park this summer!

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

PONCA, NEB.—Champions in nine weight divisions were crowned in the finals of the boxing tournament held here. Coach Ernie Gorr of Ponca was in charge of the meet. The 18 finalists, residue of a big field of contestants from Ponca, Lyons, Dixon, Concord, Allen, Randolph and Newcastle, who battled through the preliminaries, pleased a large crowd here.

Results of the finals: 95 pounds—Paul Rush, Ponca, decisioned Tom Pape, Ponca. 105 pounds—Conrad Ponca, decisioned Coty, Ponca. Flyweight—Stone, Dixon, T.K.O.'ed Wendte, Ponca. Bantamweight—Murray, Dixon, decisioned Batterff, Ponca. Featherweight—Taylor, Ponca, decisioned Taubert, Ponca. Lightweight — Miller, Ponca, decisioned Walsh, Ponca. Welterweight—Newberry, Lyons, T.K.O.'ed Thaden, Randolph. Middleweight—Fleury, Ponca, decisioned O'Neill, Ponca. Light-heavyweight—Cifers, Ponca, won by forfeit from Shutt, Dixon.

Ponca won the team trophy with six points. Dixon was second with two points and Lyons was third with one point.

Earl McArthur of Sioux City refereed all the bouts.

Sioux City, Ia.—Jim Mosher and Martin Breeves, fighting in the 170-pound class at the annual Trinity high school intraclass boxing tournament at the Crusader gym had the good sized audience on its feet from the opening gong. The fight was a fast one until the bout was stopped in the second round with neither getting a decision.

All of the 12 other scheduled bouts were decision affairs.

The tournament was sponsored by the Trinity Dads' club. Connie Callahan, triple sports star for the Crusaders, refereed the bouts.

Omaha, Neb.—Sioux City, Ia., importations for the Omaha Golden Gloves team won two of the three bouts in a 5-3 loss to Cleveland, Ohio.

Clayton Johnson, Sioux City 126-pounder was a badly beaten fighter through the first two rounds but he rallied to score two knockdowns in the third to decision Willie Stevenson.

Wilber Christensen, 118-pound Iowan, didn't have the ring finesse displayed by Al Chow, Chinese lad, but he did have authority in his punches for a 2-1 decision.

Heavyweight Bill Zuke, a sergeant at the Lincoln A.A.F., spotted Charles Lester, 240-pound National A.A.U. king, 35 pounds and dropped a close decision in a cautious fight.

Sioux City, Ia.—A former Trinity high school athlete and Sioux City Golden Gloves champion, Sgt. Bob Morley, who has been in the South Pacific for several months, has been an assistant boxing coach.

In the preliminaries, eight of the boys Morley coached, won the right to compete in the finals, and in the championship bouts seven of Bob's Marianas team members won titles as well as the team championship. The Marianas champions were in junior and senior lightweight, junior and senior welterweight, middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight divisions.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Did you know that Johnny Gates the Fighting Marine, is a Sioux Indian, and a veteran of three Pacific campaigns against the Japs, and has about 106 fistic bouts under his belt . . . Gates, while a student at the Indian vocational high school at Flandreau, S. D., won the Sioux City Golden Gloves light-heavyweight title twice—first in 1937 and again in 1939 . . . In 1938 he boxed for the Haskell Institute in the Kansas City meet . . . In 1940 he won the light-heavy title of the Minneapolis Golden Gloves . . . Del Cockayne, Des Moines, Ia., lightweight, knocked out Ray Glenn, of Indianapolis, Ind., in two minutes and 14 seconds of the first round of a billed six-rounder at St. Paul . . . In a recent bout at Portland, Ore., Johnny Gates, 175-pounder from this section, won a decision over Young John L. Sullivan.

First Lt. Dennis D. Dewey, Jr., of Sioux City had the pleasure of meeting Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight king, aboard a coast guard transport just before the invasion of Okinawa . . . Both Sioux City army air base entries in the Second air force boxing finals at Topeka, Kan., were eliminated, with Pfc. Charles White being knocked out by Pvt. Jimmy Gee of Pueblo, Col., army air base . . . Pfc. Huron Braxton of the Sioux City base fighting at 175 pounds, lost a decision to Pfc. Larry Gettleman of Smoky Hill army air base, Salina, Kan. . . . Del Cockayne, popular Des Moines lightweight is under the management of Pinkie George . . . Officers were elected at the meeting of the board of directors of the Greater Sioux City Athletic association, with Carleton Van Dyke being named as president. Douglas Bragdon, first vice-president; Quillen Hoberg, second vice-president; H. L. Bollman, executive secretary; Dale Huff, secretary, and Joe Weir, treasurer . . . Remember to have your news in the writer's hands by the sixth of each month, and mail same to 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia.

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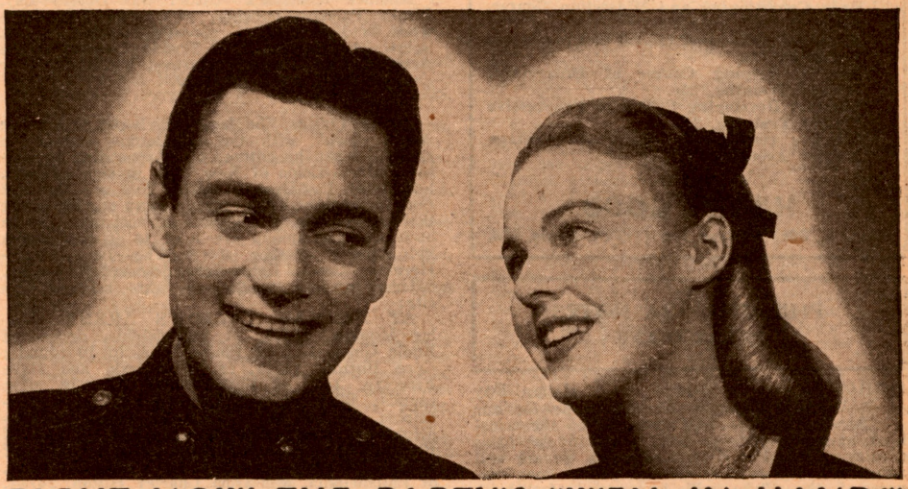

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PHILADELPHIA NOTES

By NAT FRANK

THIS column is written on a Happy Day —V-E Day. Maybe what we type for our favorite readers won't exactly be the usual kind of news that we have been in the habit of dishing out. But if it is different, we are well aware that the readers throughout the four corners of the Globe will understand—feel with us in this day of joy.

Herman Taylor, the number one promoter of Pennsylvania and the nation's number two fistic impresario, takes special pride in the present V-E Day. There are numerous events since we entered this World War that have added to the good feeling of Taylor.

It will be recalled that it was Taylor who sponsored an *Inquirer* Buy a Bomber fistic card and gave ALL THE RECEIPTS to the worthy cause. Herman also has been actively interested in the successful pursuit of this war. He has purchased bonds in abundance; he has supplied fistic shows, at his own expense, to various hospitals and camps; he has played host to servicemen at many of his boxing extravaganzas; he has donated boxing equipment to the servicemen in all branches of our armed forces.

But in all this Taylor is not one to take credit upon his shoulders. He has been doing his patriotic duty and will continue to do so but with no thought of personal glory for himself. The news that the Nazi Murderers have capitulated was splendid tidings to him, not only from a personal viewpoint, but on behalf of boxing.

I feel that boxing has contributed its share to the grand cause of freedom. I also have the pleasure of stating that the many thousands of fighters in service are as jubilant as I. The war in Europe has come to an end. Now these very same fistmen, who have performed miracles on the very soil of the enemy in vanquished Europe, will be ready to answer the gong in Pacific enemy soil, joined by fighters from these shores, and give 'So Sorry Please Scoundrels' a going over, the likes of which they never dreamed would be possible.

"Yes, I am proud of the doings of the ringmen in this war. They have carried the flag bravely in the face of terrorism and our Red, White and Blue will shortly proudly wave over the Imperial Palace of Tokyo as it is now doing over the Reichstag in Berlin.

"Of the many outstanding heroes of boxing, a few words of praise must be given on behalf of Marine Sgt. Barney Ross, former triple ring champion. Ross, a close personal friend of mine, as well as of my family, gained world acclaim by gloriously holding up the ideals of democracy. Not only did he polish off enemies to the right of him and to the left of him, regardless of his personal risk, but when his job was finished the one-time lightweight, junior welterweight and welterweight champion accounted for 21 Japs. For this heroic deed, our late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, personally decorated this idol of the ring.

"It wouldn't be fair if I would not have a few words of praise for those fistmen who have given their lives for Liberty. The most notable case of a gloveman paying the supreme sacrifice is that of the immortal Indian, Johnny Rivers, who fought for me several times, who so gallantly battled the enemy until his last gasp of breath gave out. Don't take my word for it. You need but listen to the recent recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, along with other noble recognitions from our government for wiping out a Jap nest and slaying over 200 foemen. Yes, I mean Sgt. Schmid.

"May Rivers, along with the many other fistic casualties, rest in peace," concluded Promoter Taylor.

Wesley Mouzon, newest fistic sensation, emerged with a pair of upset victories to keep his winning streak intact. The Tom Montgomery-Gene Buffalo boffer created a sensation by belting out Sante Bucca in three heats at the Met, and followed it up by the conquest of Eddie Giosa at the Arena on April 16.

Bucca, proving that he could still come back, raised the hopes of Manager Eddie Cipresso when his warrior entered the ring a 5 to 1 underdog and scored a technical knockout over Giosa at the Met on May 7, in six rounds. Up to the time Giosa was halted, due to a pair of cut eyes, Bucca proved beyond question that he was the master of his neighborhood rival.

Another "comeback" battler was Dorsey Lay, Blinky Palermo puncher, who, after being flattened by Ike Williams, recently crowned N.B.A. lightweight king, took on Freddy Dawson at the Arena and proceeded to win over his Windy City rival in ten rounds, April 30.

Jimmy Collins, the local whirlwind, "tore the Arena down" with the thunderous ovation he received when he entered the Arena ring to lambaste Mario Colon of New York in eight stanzas, behind the Lay-Dawson battle. This was the first time in the knowledge of your RING correspondent that a preliminary boy was so acclaimed by an audience. Champions are used to it but prelim kids, that's another story. The Jack Puggy-Herman Diamond lightweights deserved the honors.

Here are the results of fights held in this city:

AT HERMAN TAYLOR'S ARENA—Wesley Mouzon, 137½, of Philadelphia, decisioned Eddie Giosa, 136, of Philadelphia, in 10 rounds; Gene Burton, 137½, of New York, and Dave Freeman, 140, of Philadelphia, drew in eight rounds; Billy "Jiggs" Donahue, 150, of Philadelphia, knocked out Lee Jones, 141½, of Philadelphia, in eight rounds; Jimmy Collins, 133, of Philadelphia, decisioned Jorge Morales, 140, of Mexico, in eight rounds; Phil Carrozzo, 145¼, of Philadelphia, won from Charley Hilton, 147½, of Philadelphia, in six rounds.

AT HERMAN TAYLOR'S ARENA—Dorsey Lay, 139½, of Philadelphia, beat Freddy Dawson, 136, of Chicago, in 10 rounds; Jorge Morales, 137, of Mexico, beat Guy Serean, 138½, of Idaho, in eight rounds; Jimmy Collins, 131½, of Philadelphia, conquered Mario Colon, 129½, of New York, in eight rounds; Ernie Petrone, 140, of Philadelphia, lost to Hubert Samuels, 137, of Philadelphia; Buddy Freeman, 137, of Philadelphia, knocked out Mike DeCosmo of Chester in four rounds.

AT JIMMY TOPPI'S MET—Wesley Mouzon, 136½, halted Sante Bucca, 136, both of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Bob Smith, 125, of Philadelphia, beat Ray Morris, 121½, of Wilmington, in 10 rounds; Billy Nixon, 145, of Philadelphia, defeated Joey Falco, 144, of Philadelphia, in eight rounds; Red Fees, 138, of Lebanon, stopped Charley Howley, 144, of Chester, in one round; Johnny Wolgast, 125, of Philadelphia, beat Jimmy Allen, 127, of Philadelphia, in six rounds.

AT JIMMY TOPPI'S MET—Jose Basora, 156, of Puerto Rico, knocked out Van Boob McNutt, 160½, of New York, in six rounds; Pat Patucci of Port Norris, N. J., knocked out Bob Jennings of Philadelphia in one round; Jimmy Allen, 129, of Philadelphia, beat Willie Alexander, 126, of Chester, in six rounds; Johnny Fry, 144, of Chester, won from Charley Hilton, 148, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Rudy Franklin, 159, beat Bobby Samuels, 158, in six rounds.

AT JIMMY TOPPI'S MET—Johnny Carter of Philadelphia beat Mario Ochoa in 10 rounds; Leon Szymurski of Chester decisioned Billy Jones of this city. Angelo Ambrazano beat Lucky Johnson, Ray Morris beat Billy Washington, in six-round bouts. (Weights not available.)

AT JIMMY TOPPI'S MET—Sante Bucca, 136½, stopped Eddie Giosa, 137, both of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Leon Szymurski, 168, stopped Jimmy Long, 177, in three rounds; Chicken Thompson, 158½, beat Rudy Franklin, 159½, in six rounds; Charley Howley, 149, beat Charley Hilton, 151, in six rounds; Lonnie Clark, 222, beat Dave Hicks, 214, in six rounds; Willie Weazel, 130½, outfought Talbert Anderson, 132, in six rounds.

AT JIMMY TOPPI'S OLYMPIA—George Larover knocked out Red Fees in six rounds; Angelo Ambrosano beat Lucky Johnson, Jimmy Parlin outpointed Saint Jamison, Charley Howley beat Gee Perry, each in six rounds, and Billy Jones knocked out Jimmy Long in two stanzas. (Weights not available.)

AT JIMMY TOPPI'S OLYMPIA—Sante Bucca, 140, of Philadelphia, beat Pat Patucci, 142, of Port Norris, N. J., in eight rounds; Billy Goodman, 165, beat Nelson Canty, 166, both of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Buddy Freeman, 138, of Philadelphia, halted Billy Smith, 146, of Philadelphia; Charley Howley, 146, of Chester, decisioned Ernie Frazier, 144, of Philadelphia; Willie Weazel, 129, of Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Allen, 128½, of Philadelphia, in two rounds.

AT JOE WENKE'S CAMBRIA CLUB—Johnny Wolgast, 124½, of Philadelphia, beat Tony Cocco, 119½, of Philadelphia, in 8 rounds; Jimmy Smith, 175, of Philadelphia, knocked out Johnny Cooper, 165, in 4 rounds; Leonard Trader, 147, of Wilmington, knocked out Lenny Glennon, 144, of Wilkes-Barre, in 4 rounds; Joe Wayne, 156½, stopped Johnny Dezinski, 160, of Wilkes-Barre, in 3 rounds; Sal Clementine, 119½, of Philadelphia, beat Saint Jamison, 123, of Philadelphia, in 2 rounds.

AT JOE WENKE'S CAMBRIA CLUB—Johnny Wolgast knocked out Paul Febbo in 7 rounds; Talbert Anderson beat Midget Mayo; Pancho Segue knocked out Joe Wayne in 2 rounds; Howard Berger beat Jimmy Quigley in 6 rounds; Jimmy Parlin knocked out Sal Clemintine in 3 rounds. (Weights not available.)

AT JOE WENKE'S CAMBRIA CLUB—Mayon Padlo, 148, of Philadelphia, knocked out Eddie Sloan, 142, of New York, in 3 rounds; Danny Devlin, 179, of Allentown, stopped Larry Schott, 184, of New York, in 2 rounds; Tommy Alterie, 179, of New York, decisioned Nat Hines, 180, of Philadelphia, in 6 rounds; Jimmy Tate, 162½, of Philadelphia, knocked out Ray Hunter, 158½, of Philadelphia, in 3 rounds; Tommy Barr, 140, of Philadelphia, halted Georgie Gibson, 131, of Philadelphia, in 2 rounds.

AT JOE WENKE'S CAMBRIA CLUB—Ossie Stewart, of Pittsburgh, beat Burt Daniels, of New York, in 8 rounds; Johnny Finney and Bill Jones, both of Philly, declared no contest in 6 rounds; Joe Wayne knocked out Joe Segua in 1 round, both of Philadelphia; Cal Clementini, beat Jimmy Parlin, in 6 rounds, both of Philadelphia; Clinton Davidson, of Philadelphia, halted Jimmy Klinges, of Wilkes-Barre, in 3 rounds.

WITH THE OLD-TIMERS—The recent passing of Phil Logan recalls the career of one of the Quaker City's cleverest bantam and featherweight boxers around the turn of the century. . . . Logan held Champion Abe Attell to a 20-round draw in Chicago in 1901, while the exceedingly clever Attell was in his prime. . . . Five years later he engaged the champ in a 6-rounder here in Philadelphia and this setto also ended in a stalemate. . . . Among others to feel the sting of the Fairmounter's wallop were Harlem Tommy Murphy, Kid Beebe, Jimmy Sinister, Young Erne, Georgie Decker, Chester Goodwin, Jimmy Briggs, Tommy Feltz, Tim Callahan and Jimmy Barry. . . . Phil survived two brothers, Tommy and Frank, but Phil was the most outstanding of the trio. . . . Frank, who was called Yank in the ring, was a featherweight, while Tommy tipped the Fairbanks at the welterweight limit. . . . Phil's only son, Thomas is employed with Westinghouse. . . . Henry Hauber's son, Henry, Jr., is a prisoner of war in Germany. . . . The former featherweight challenger, Joe Dorsey, is a municipal employee. . . . Tony German, veteran Southwark bantamweight, has been night warden Anthony Germano at the Camden County jail for the past 27 years.

Pat Sylvester's brother, David, was ordained to the priesthood in Boston, Mass., recently. . . . Pat is vice-president of the Philco Local and hails from Shamokin, Pa. . . . Johnny Kelly's only daughter, Frances, was united in matrimony to the Navy's machinist's mate, Francis McCloskey, in a beautiful ceremony at the Gesu Church. . . . Johnny Paxson, the former Kensington welterweight, is in a precarious condition in St. Mary's Hospital with a fractured skull and numerous lacerations of the face and body, which he suffered in an automobile mishap. . . . Paxson was a carpenter in a local defense industry.

Charley Scully writes from the Coast that Staff Sergeant Max Baer, former heavyweight champion, left Reynolds Field, Texas, for Governor's Island Post Hospital to undergo treatment for a nervous disorder. . . . Pete Wagner is in St. Petersburg, Florida, en route home after 3 years in the South Pacific. . . . The Eddie Mortons celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this month. . . . The former bantamweight biffer is employed at the Navy Yard as a pipefitter.

Death came suddenly to House Sergeant Tommy Lucas at the 40th district police station. . . . Tommy, a rattling good 122 pounder during the 6 round, no decision gos, had served 25 years in the police department. . . . His more famous brother, Willie Lucas, preceded him in death some time ago and Harry, a former diamond star, survives. . . . Joe Barry, the Lighthouse Boys Club boxing coach, is down with pneumonia. . . . The late Johnny Smith's youngster, John, Jr., is home on furlough after two years overseas. . . . The youngster was about to follow in his dad's footsteps when war was declared. . . . He was a member of the So. Philadelphia Boys Club. . . . Sammy Novia has settled in Hartford, Conn. . . . Police Inspector John T. Dooner retired after serving 35 years with the bureau of police. . . . Two of Dooner's sons are war casualties. . . . Johnny was a rattling good lightweight performer in his day.

Fighter of Month

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6. Kid Gallagher won from Billy Primmer, 8. Ken Hatcher defeated Carney Allen, 12.

Sid Knight stopped Jack Hites, 10. Eddie Miller outpointed Tommy Chapman, 12. Eric McCreadle won from Leo Robbo, 12. Jimmy McDonald knocked out Jack Lee, 3. Jim Pickering defeated Ern Hammon, 12. Jack Turner stopped Jackie Moore, 2.

Chino Alvarez knocked out Marcel Fournier, 1. Billy Murray knocked out Art Gomes, 2. Louis Renai outpointed Lefty Lapinid, 6. Yasu Yasutake outpointed Adolph Samuels, 8. Dave Butler knocked out Rickey Silvia, 2. George Butler knocked out Bushy Turner, 2; Rickey Monteiro, 2. Willie Weasel knocked out Jimmy Allen, 2.

Little Giant outpointed Romero Lopez, 4. Bobby Polowitzer outpointed Joe Monte, 6. LeRoy Willis outpointed Carlos Cuebas, 8. Lloyd Batiste outpointed Henry Briere, 4.

Young Wildcat Stewart outpointed Leslie Harris, 4. George Butler knocked out George Dresser, 1. Biff Jones outpointed Babe Kelly, 8. Duane Hoag knocked out Tony York, 3. Danny Martini outpointed Davey Butler, 4. Donald (Midget) Mayo outpointed Stanley Tisschler, 6.

Blond Tiger outpointed Jerry Lavigne, 6. Frankie Adams outpointed Nick Londos, 4. Eddie Sangster outpointed Fidel Aguilar, 4. Willie Weasel outpointed Talbert Anderson, 6.

Fidel Aguilar outpointed Al Miller, 4. Bud Christman outpointed Vic Young, 10. Al Rodriquez outpointed Sam Kaelkini, 4. Eddie Sangster outpointed Floyd Batiste, 4. Francisco Ramirez outpointed Pedro Acosta, 8. Matias Ruiz knocked out Simon Medina, 6.

Manny Ortega knocked out Alvaro Estrada, 3. Francisco Saucedo outpointed Manuel Marmalejo, 4. Manuel Castro outpointed Rito Torres, 4. Ramon Alva knocked out Joe Robinson, 1. Al Tucker knocked out Joe Nelson, 2. Frank Martinez outpointed Reymundo Ramirez, 4.

Samuel Andrade outpointed Joe Lopez Munoz, 6; outpointed Manuel Marmalejo, 4. Alberto Arriata outpointed Demetrio Moreno, 4. Rito Torres knocked out Simon Rangel, 1. Antonio Serrano knocked out Roberto Diharce, 2. Joe Perales outpointed Melchor Rodriguez, 4. Jesus Rodrigues outpointed Jesus Cabral Carillo, 4.

Billy Brant knocked out Vic Young, 6. Freddie Gerard knocked out Augie Breton, 1. Bobby Polowitzer knocked out Duke McCrey, 1. Elwood Daignault outpointed Artie Vitt, 4. Leroy Jackson outpointed Victor Flores, 8.

Joe Blanco outpointed Smokey Joe, 6. Bobby Waters knocked out Billy Shelton. Billy Gray outpointed Joe Lumkins, 6.

Here are the bantamweight mills: Tony Olivera knocked out Jorge Robles in the tenth and final round and beat George DeGideo, 8. Benny Goldberg won from Lorenzo Safora, 10. Al Ellis drew with Cleveland Holt, 4. Jimmy Parlin knocked out Sal Clementi, 1.

Mickey Colbert stopped Tom Mahoney, 4. Eddie Hines outpointed Ossie Peguese, 4; kayoed Tiger Williams, 1. Eddie Reyes kayoed Frank Cicala, 3. Otho Slager outpointed Reymundo Ramirez, 4; outpointed Melchor Rodriguez, 4. Andy Howard drew with Benny May, 6.

Val Valentino decisioned Augie Rodriguez, 4. Orphan Jules boxed draw with Victor Hernandez, 6. Jackie Bonas beat Paddy O'Leary, 8. Eddie Hines kayoed Tiger Williams, 1. Danny Nagle won from Roy Cutler, 6. Jimmy Parlin knocked out Sal Clementi, 1. Lloyd Elkins lost to Carey Mace, 3. Bobby Talles stopped Victor Llanes, 3.

Sammy Medina knocked out John Pino, 2. Lon Brain won from Bernie Dunn, 12. Ken Stanford stopped Billy Williams, 5. Sal Clementi outpointed Jimmy Parlin, 4. Clinton Davidson knocked out Tommy Klinges, 3. George Junior outpointed Billy Swoboda, 4.

Jay Jan knocked out Bobby Telles, 4. Carey Mace and Billy Hogan drew, 3. Henry Polowitzer knocked out Jackie Carroll, 2. Dick Egan and Pat McLaughlin drew, 4.

Flyweight bouts follow: Lt. Joe Gagnon whipped Ron Kingston, 6. Dado Marino won a decision over Lou Renai, 6; and beat Gus Rosa, 10. Tommy Burney won from Jock McKenzie, 8. Joe Gagnon stopped Sapper Tom Tully, 1.

Norman Lewis beat George Parkes, 8. Tommy Smith defeated Bert Hornby, 8. Victor Llanes was knocked out by Bobby Telles, 3. Phil Labang kayoed Little Salvador, 1.

Benny Cousins knocked out Ponce Jurado and outpointed Augie Rodriguez, 4. Joe Curran outpointed Mickey Jones, 10.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By JUANITA YEARGAIN

BEFORE a near capacity crowd at Municipal Auditorium in Topeka April 13, Rapid City, S. D. Army Air Field carried off the team trophy in the Second Air Force 3-day boxing tournament as their fighters piled up a combined total of 14 points, Pyote, Tex., A.A.F. was second with 10 points, and Strother Field of Winfield, Kansas, was third with nine points. A victory counted five points, runner-up three and one point to the semi-finalists defeated by the champion. Rapid City had one winner and 3 runner-ups. Bobby Stewart of Kansas City and Dutch Geiser of Topeka refereed the contests and E. H. Carlson, W. H. Lee and Frank Grimm split the judging scores.

Winners of each class were presented with Army signet rings by Sgt. William Warren ex-Japanese prisoner back from the Philippines. Tiny golden gloves were given to the runner-ups by the tournament queen, Pvt. Martha Langereis of Topeka A.A.F. First Lt. Dan Stavely was army director of the tournament. The results:

120, McKee (Strother) dec. Ratay (Galveston)
127, Ortega (Deming) dec. Walker (Rapid City)
135, Robinson (Pyote) dec. Oimstead (Rapid City)
145, Baranski (Great Bend) T.K.O. over Bergeson (Rapid City)
155, Barsos (Harvard) dec. Kodman (Ardmore)
165, Gee (Pueblo) dec. Smalley (Topeka)
175, Smith (Pyote) T.K.O. over Gettelman (Salina)
H. W. Wolfe (Rapid City) dec. Korycinski (Strother)

Upwards of 3,500 fans witnessed the rip roaring finals of the 1945 Southwest A.A.U. boxing tournament in Wichita April 19, which produced some of the most bitterly contested bouts ever witnessed in the Forum. The championship results follow:

105, Lindy Burgess, Riverside Indian School, won dec. over Connie Stamps, K. C.
112, Frankie Rivera, K. C. won on default from Fernando Rivera, K. C.
118, Floyd Perry, K. C. dec. Benny Candello, K. C.
126, Sydney Caples, K. C. dec. Ellis Parton, Riverside Indian School.
135, Rutherford Lone, Concho Indian School, dec. Joe Rima, K. C.
147, Virgil Whitefox, Riverside Indian School, dec. Robert Childers, K. C.
160, Hosea Caw, Wichita, won on default from Joe Haskins, K. C.
Light-heavy, Bob Beumiller, Wichita, dec. James McDowell, Okla. City.
Heavyweight, Chester Cook, Wichita, dec. John Guilford, Wichita.

Topeka leather artists scored knockouts in your correspondent's boxing show in Topeka on May 4, which brought together strong contingents of fighters from Topeka and Salina and boys from 21 Kansas towns representing the Boys' Industrial School.

Jackie Wilson of Topeka, put a left through the tight defense of Art Wilson of Salina in 49 seconds of the first round to put the invader into the land of nod. Warren Coleman of the Topeka club had a bit more trouble with his opponent, Harry Hamrell, of Salina. After sending his foe to the mat a couple of times in the second, Coleman finished him off in one minute and 40 seconds.

The fight marked the first appearance of the newly formed Topeka Athletic Club which is being trained under the direction of Yeargain Ring Enterprises and shows great promise of becoming one of the most outstanding fight clubs in this area. Coaching the fighters is LeRoy Pittle, formerly with Stillman's Gym in N. Y., who has recently completed three years in the Army as boxing instructor.

Arturo Godoy, the South American heavyweight champion who went 23 rounds in two fights with world's heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, made his first Kansas appearance in Topeka on April 11 as he squared off in a 3-round mitt clash against Jack (Conley) Suzek of Chicago. The famous fighter headlined a combination boxing-wrestling card promoted by your correspondent. Accompanying Godoy was his manager Al Weill and trainer Charley Goldman. Major Jones, former National Golden Gloves and A.A.U. featherweight champion was introduced from the ring.

Pat Kissinger's younger brother Edmund, has given his life to his country, even as Pat may have done, although when news last came of the former popular Kansas City boxer, he was still a prisoner of the Japs. Edmund L. Kissinger, 24, a paratrooper first sergeant, who enlisted August 1941, after two years of studying for priesthood at Notre Dame, was killed in action March 21, in Germany, during his first jump.

Ray Spurlock, Kansas City amateur boxer and holder of the city middleweight title in 1944-'45, has turned professional. Frankie Gatto, manager of Major Jones has signed the clever clouter to a 5-year contract. A finalist in the 1944 Golden Gloves tournament at Chicago, and '45 semi-finalist, Spurlock made his pro bow in Minneapolis, April 20, against Jack Evans of Sioux Falls, S. D., holding his opponent to a 6-round draw.

Appearing on the same program was Major Jones who suffered his first defeat in 9 pro bouts, against Willie Russell of Columbus, Ohio, a welterweight. Negotiations are under way to bring the pair together for a re-match. Gatto unhesitatingly signed a contract for a return fight.

Bob Jarvis, Kansas City Golden Gloves champion who also won his weight class in Chicago, has been indefinitely suspended by the Missouri Valley A.A.U. for his refusal to box on the dual show between Chicago and New York in the former city.

Among Kansas City visitors of President Truman at the White House recently was Thomas E. Murphy, better known as Tommy Murphy to hundreds of local sport fans who remember him as a national champion amateur fighter of about 25 years ago.

Max Yeargain, Topeka sports promoter, now attending the U. S. Navy's P. I. school at Bainbridge, Md., recently assisted with a boxing tournament at Scranton, Pa., wherein the Bainbridge team defeated its opposition by a large majority.

Pfc. Nelson Collins, handsome young Topeka wrestler, a veteran paratroop jumper, in the European theatre, participated in the D-Day jump into France, also Holland and was at Bastogne, Belgium.

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HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

LEROY WILLIS, youthful 132-pounder, got back in the winning column. After losing to Phil Terranova, former N.B.A. featherweight champ, Willis bounced right back with a decision over Lulu Costantino in Detroit's Olympia. After that, he boxed in Saginaw, winning decisively from "No No" Cuebas, and then at the Arena Gardens, he turned back the bid of Lou Alter, New York featherweight.

Phil Terranova showed himself to be a little LaMotta, as he banged out a one-sided triumph over the cagey Maxie Shapiro before a large Olympia gathering. Terranova has put himself in solid with Detroit fans in two showings here. His two-fisted action style pleases the fans and wears down opponents.

Joe Sutka, rough-and-ready Wyandotte middleweight, back in action after a layoff, punched fast and often in gaining a clean cut triumph over the up and coming Sam Hughes at Olympia. Hughes had a win over Sutka, but Joe's hard and accurate right hand wallops told the tale, and he came through an easy winner.

Charley Padalino continues his winning ways in preliminary bouts. Padalino is a strong young middleweight with a rough going style. He won several times over Willie Watkins. Watkins, protege of Harvey Bowie, combines a flashy style of boxing with some hard punching, and if he keeps trying, may beat Padalino yet.

Charley Smith, Newark lightweight, dropped Leon Spencer five times in the first round, and went on to win the decision. Spencer made a fine comeback, but the officials ruled in favor of Smith.

Petey Bolos, hard-hitting Syrian featherweight, engaged in one of the most spirited battles ever seen in the Arcadia ring, as he turned back the challenge of Kuku Ortiz, highly regarded battler from Mexico. Bolos, a favorite in rings all over the Midwest, turned in a slashing battle to outrough the tough Ortiz.

Sandy Saddler, Scotch born Negro lad, turned in a brace of conclusive triumphs here the past month. At Olympia he battered Willie Anderson for a T.K.O., and in an Arcadia headliner, he dished out the same medicine to Chilindrini Valencia, the bout being halted in the ninth round. Sadler showed himself to be a "Good finisher" in halting the game Mexican.

George Bacca, middleweight youngster, kept busy the past month, winning his first few starts, but then losing to Jim Carroll, and dropping a bout in Chicago. Charley Roth, local heavyweight, outpointed Buddy Waterman in Muskegon, and then boxed in Detroit, Akron and Chicago.

Stan Cieslik turned in a creditable performance at Muskegon, in turning in a sensational battle with the tough and willing Mike Gravino over the ten-round route. The boys put on a rough-house slug fest that had the fans howling. Both boys were cut at the finish, and the decision was a draw.

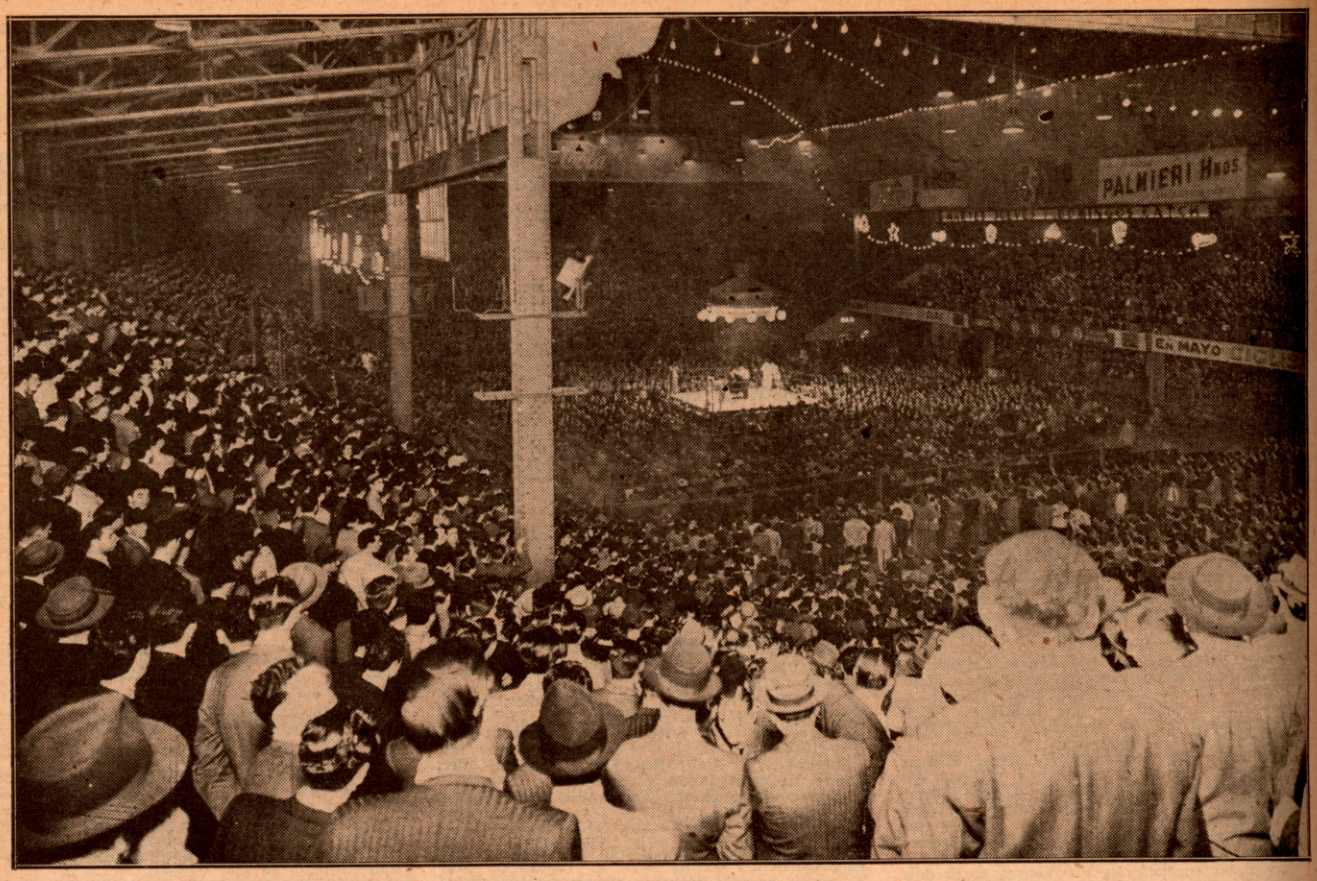
Johnny Vorce topped a Saginaw card, but dropped the decision to Howard Fenske of Grand Rapids. In a previous Saginaw bout, Bill Eddy chalked up a five-round kayo over Patsy Zoccano.

Bill O'Flannigan is making the matches in Windsor. His first show featured Kayo Morgan against Tommy Nelson. O'Flannigan is one of the squarest men in boxing, and one of the best trainers. This column hopes he does all right as a matchmaker.

Morgan, the "grand old man" of boxing, is still just that. He started his 21st year of pro campaigning by earning an eight-round decision over Nelson, the first defeat the Detroiter has suffered. Morgan is now 38 years old.

Kayo climbed into the ring after a 14-month layoff. Nelson came in with an unblemished record.

In other bouts, Babe Saunders defeated Martin Doyle in six by decision; Len Nelson K.O.'ed Booker T. Washington in 2:32 of the first round; Chuck Ackworth decisioned Tops Tellino in six and Jim Carrol, after having George Bacca on the floor twice for nine counts, carried off Referee Johnny Weber's verdict.



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Making Strides

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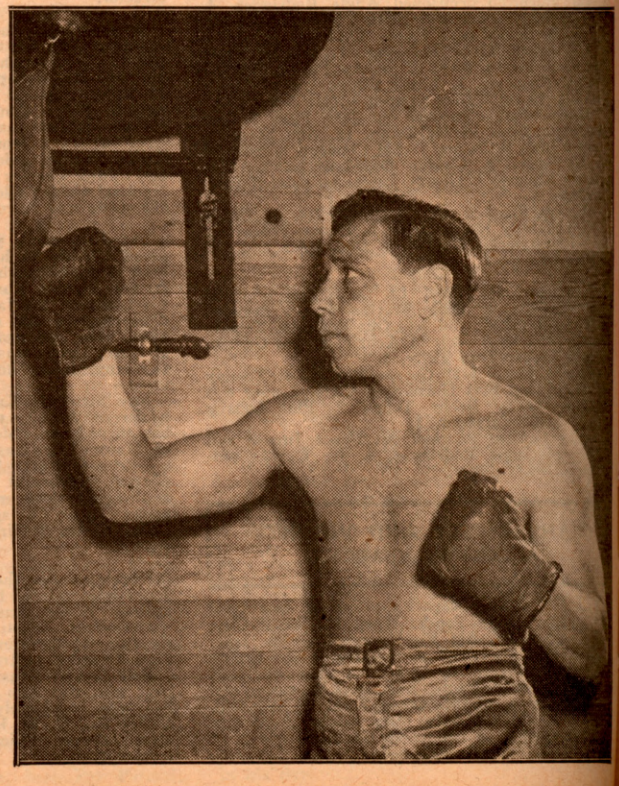
fine prospect. Young Sweeney is 18 years old and he started boxing under Lou Jameson, trainer of Lew Hanbury, Natie Palmer and many others. His career started on October 15, 1943. In sixteen amateur fights he lost but one and he later turned the tables on the winner in a rematch. Entering the 1943-44 Golden Gloves Tourney, he garnered the novice middleweight title and in the 1944 D.C. A.A.U. "Battle of the Belts," he copped the senior 160 pound crown. In April of 1944 he journeyed to Boston to become the first Washington representative to win a national A.A.U. championship in the middleweight class. The most astounding part of this feat was that he had participated in only fourteen amateur contests. Frank decided to turn to professional boxing in November of last year and he has had 10 pro fights since then. Among his victims are Leroy Fleming, Edgar Joe and Jimmy Fox.

Incidentally all of his victories have been via the kayo route—10 starts—10 knockouts is some record! At present Sweeney is employed by the E. & R. Company doing defense work, but he has taken his physical and Army medicos have marked him 1-A.



Cpl. Louis Castlegrande, formerly one of the nation's top lightweights under the nom-de-quene of Lou Camps, plans to reenter the professional ring after an absence of three years. He is now stationed with the Aviation Engineers at Geiger Field. He comes from New York. Lou is a construction foreman with the Engineers. He was formerly a physical training and boxing instructor with the Air Corps at Hamilton Field, Calif.

Williams, Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR. *Substituting for* SGT. MEYER ACKERMAN *now serving with Gen. Patton's Army in Germany.*

TWO N.B.A. Champions suffered defeat during the past month, one, Sal Bartolo, the featherweight king, in an over-the-weight match and the other, Juan Zurita in a title contest. Bartolo lost to Gus Mell of Boston in ten rounds but turned the tables in convincing fashion on Mell in a return engagement of ten rounds in the Boston Garden.

Zurita was less fortunate. The Mexican, clashing with Ike Williams in a championship bout in Mexico City was stopped in two rounds after receiving a severe shellacking. Ike winning the world crown as recognized by the National Boxing Association. Thus Williams takes his place in the ratings of THE RING as "The Fighter of the Month."

Still another champion, Bob Montgomery, recognized by New York and Pennsylvania as the world lightweight title holder, suffered defeat during the month. In a surprise upset Montgomery dropped a ten-rounder to Nick Moran, the 141-pounder from Mexico, in a sizzling bout in Los Angeles. This made the past month an unusual one in that three title holders saw action within a space of a few weeks.

The monthly ratings show many changes due primarily to the drafting of a number of the top flight boxers, who because of inactivity due to their present status, have been removed from the rating to make room for active boxers. The outstanding loss to boxing came when the most promising Johnny Flynn of Buffalo, rated our number five man in the heavyweight ranks in the June issue, was drafted at a time when he gained national recognition.

Joey Maxim got back into the fold with one fight last month while on a furlough and got back among the first ten in the heavyweight ratings as did Lou Nova. Buddy Scott's defeat at the hands of Lou Brooks caused the Floridian to be dropped, Nova taking his place.

Walter Woods' comeback enabled him to regain a place among the light-heavies in which class Archie Moore and Georgie Kochan have made the best strides.

Jake LaMotta jumped back into first position as outstanding contender in the middleweight ranks with Holman Williams close on his trail. Bert Lytell is a newcomer in this section.

Tommy Bell, by his knockout of Chuck Hunter in five rounds, gained third place behind Ray Robinson, the leader, and Fritzie Zivic in the welterweight division. Bee Bee Wright, now in the army, has been dropped because of inactivity to make room for Nick Moran, who has made a great hit on the Pacific coast.

Ike Williams trails Bob Montgomery in the lightweight division as the number two man and Vic Patrick, the Australian light- and welterweight champion makes his appearance in that division.

Chalky Wright, by his great upset over Willie Joyce, regained his old number two post in the featherweight section with Phil Terranova trailing him. Jackie Graves, who is doing a splendid job in the mid-west and Maurice Lefty LaChance, who defeated Carlos Chavez, are new faces, rating ninth and tenth respectively. Chavez lost out because of his defeat.

Tony Olivera continues as the class of the bantamweight division. He is fighting better than ever and with Ortiz in the army, Olivera rates world's best. Benny Goldberg's defeat of Lorenzo Safora enabled him to jump from fifth to second place.

The results of the month follow:

Heavyweight bouts follow: Elmer Ray flattened Vince Pimpinella, 5; knocked out Perk Daniels, 8. Johnny Flynn stowed away Buddy Knox, 3. Eddie (Unknown) Winston knocked out Sammy Shumway, 1. Buddy Walker decisioned Johnny Denson, 10. Lou Nova beat Gunnar Barlund, 10.

Georgie Parks won from Austin Johnson, 10. Joey Maxim won the unanimous decision over Clarence Brown, 10. Freddie Schott outpointed Billy Grant 10; outpointed Jimmy Bell, 10. Joe Baksi outpointed Larry Lane, 10. Tony Musto knocked out Buddy Waterman, 2.

Lou Brooks outpointed Buddy Scott, 10. Henry Jones outpointed Earl Lowman, 8. Lou Nova outpointed Charley Eagle, 10; and Gunnar Barlund.

Dom Lydon stopped Noel Wagener, 2; was stopped by Jim Saxton, 1. Louis Long knocked out Lorient Bouchard, 1; and beat Bouchard in 10. George Preston lost to Alf Brown, 8. Pete Louthis knocked out Joe Gaynor, 3. Al Blake outpointed Jack Polee, 6.

Bearcat Jones flattened Stan Myka, 2. Sgt. Jimmy Martin decisioned Al Mitchell, 4. Carlton Perry whipped Hank Morris, 4. Bernie McNally stopped Danny Josephs, 2.

Dave Mason scored a 25-second knockout over Sam Shumway. Johnny Melko outpointed Shumway in 6. Willie Cherrill flattened Frankie Urban, 1. Vern Mitchell halted Willie Reilly, 3. Eddie Wagner won a brawl from Earl Lowman, 6. Jock Porter knocked out Al Delaney, 8; and kayoed Al Robinson, 5.

Lindy Elliott stopped John Oden, 5. Gus Schlee knocked out Wally Baden, 2. Stanley Myka trounced Al Mitchell, 4. Gus Mullner beat Bobby Giles, 8. Johnny Melko stopped Ray Cobbs, 2. Buddy Moore knocked out Norman Hawes, 5.

Steve Ludman won from Mike O'Grady, 4. Carrington McNutt won from Stoney Jackson, 6. Charlie Roth won from Buddy Waterman, 6; and Roth lost to Kid Patton, 4. Bearcat Jones beat Bobby Giles, 8.

Herman Zeigler won from Jax Joe Palooka, 6. Alf Gallagher won from Bob Turner, 12. Johnny Melo knocked out George Bode, 2. Joe Stepka knocked out Herb Jones, 5. Tommy Altieri beat Nat Hines, 6. Frankie Urban knocked out Maurice Belanger, 3.

Jim Bowden knocked out Pat Mangini, 6. Jimmy Crawford drew with Chips Wynn, 4. Pete Lakovich knocked out Al Labos, 1. Jimmy Williams outpointed Henry Taylor, 6. Dave Mason knocked out Sam Shumway, 1. Vern Mitchell knocked out Bearcat Cook, 1. Gus Schlee knocked out Joe Martin, 1.

McKinley English knocked out Bill Peterson, 4. Willie (O'Dell) Reilly knocked out Johnny Flanagan, 4. Joe Golombeck knocked out Carrington McNutt, 3. Lou Clark, outpointed Dave Hicks, 6. Johnny Allen outpointed Louis Long, 8. Pete Lakovich knocked out Lloyd Michigan, 1.

Lou Nova beat Gunnar Barlund, 10.

Here are the light-heavyweight bouts: Lloyd Marshall trounced Willie Barrow, 8. Archie Moore knocked out Teddy Randolph, 9. Walter (Popeye) Woods knocked out Billy Johnson, 3; the following day Walter stopped Mario Griffin, 2; then outpointed J. C. Wilkins, 10.

Earl Clingan defeated Young Frisco, 12. Gentle Daniel knocked out Rene Sanchez, 6. George Kochan outpointed Johnny Carter, 10. Coolidge Miller outpointed Jimmy Mulligan, 10.

Jimmy Reeves won the nod over Charlie Polk, 8. Howard Berger beat Jimmy Quigley, 6. Danny Devlin knocked out Larry Schoot, 2. Don Garner knocked out Howard Ghee, 3.

Tommy Grohs knocked out Calvin Johnson, 1. Billy Heeps outpointed Freddie Bailey, 6. Phil Muscato outpointed Nate Bolden, 10; and stopped Tiger Lou Jones, 4. Ray Acosta knocked out

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending May 10, 1945

Fighters who hitherto have been rated but are now in the armed forces and have become inactive, have been removed until such time as they resume boxing. When those removed are again active, they will receive the recognition previously granted to them. Only active fighters, service men and civilians, will be rated monthly. In our ratings the position of champions now in the service is frozen for the duration. Inactive service men are kept in the ratings for four months before being removed until they resume boxing.

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion *Joe Louis U. S. Army	World's Champion *Gus Lesnevich U. S. Coast Guard	World's Champion *Tony Zale U. S. Navy	World's Champion Freddie Cochrane
1—Joe Baksi	Lloyd Marshall	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Jimmy Bivins	Archie Moore	Holman Williams	Fritzie Zivic
3—Tami Mauriello	Freddie Mills	Vince Hawkins	Tommy Bell
4—Melio Bettina	Nate Bolden	Joe Carter (Rome, N. Y.)	Jimmy McDaniels
5—Johnny Flynn	George Kochan	Charley Burley	Rocky Graziano
6—Elmer Ray	Billy Grant	Jose Basora	Harold Green
7—Freddie Schott	Fitzy Fitzpatrick	Cocoa Kid	Ernie Roderick
8—Lee Oma	Jack Johnson	Vic Dellicurti	Johnny Greco
9—Joey Maxim	Bruce Woodcock	Coley Welch	Nick Moran
10—Lou Nova	Walter Woods	Bert Lytell	Jimmy Doyle

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion International title vacant.	World's Champion Willie Pep U. S. Army	World's Champion *Manuel Ortiz U. S. Army	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Bob Montgomery, U.S.A. (Recognized by N.Y.)	Sal Bartolo (N.B.A. Champion)	Tony Olivera	Joe Curran
2—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Chalky Wright	Benny Goldberg	Dado Marino
3—Willie Joyce	Phil Terranova	Luis Castillo	Norman Lewis
4—Ronnie James	Danny Webb	Lorenzo Safora	Alec Murphy
5—Bobby Ruffin	Nel Tarleton	Jim Brady	Seaman Terry Allen
6—Pedro Firpo	Enrique Bolanos	Mickey Colbert	Georgie Parks
7—Young Finnegan	Chico Rosa	Simon Vergara	Tommy Plowright
8—Juan Zurita	Jackie Wilson	Ronnie Clayton	Stumpy Butwell
9—Vic Patrick	Jackie Graves	Ken Stanford	Tommy Burney
10—Danny Bartfield	Maurice (Lefty) LaChance	Jorge Robles	Hugh Cameron

*Indicates title frozen for duration of the war—in war service.

Harry Wills, 2; and won from Jack Butler, 4. Jack Butler knocked out Leonard Nix, 4. Butler also defeated Russ Metcalf, 4; Jimmy Ruzzo licked Don Conway, 8. Billy Smith whipped Newsboy Millich, 10. Oscar Goode knocked out Billy Johnson, 3; outpointed Jackie Capparelli, 10. Johnny Clark stopped Benny McCombs, 2.

Tommy Grohs stopped Obie Wooten, 2. Al Timmons knocked out Jack Romero, 4. Babe Oblenis drew with Jimmy Crawford, 4; and kayoed Jimmy Crawford, 3. James LaRoache knocked out Les Dinges, 1. Benny McCombs won from Tee Hubert, 6. Bob Satterfield knocked out Arthur McWhorter, 1. Leon Szymurski won from Billy Jones, 6; knocked out Jimmy Long, 3; and outpointed Ernie Polk, 6.

Charley Banks knocked out Bobby Giles, 3. Howard Bennett outpointed Billy Pappas, 8. Hubert Hood knocked out Colion Chaney, 4. Tyrus Hawkins knocked out Frankie Calzo, 6. Jack Romero knocked out Ray Ramey, 4.

Robert Ledbetter knocked out Paul Dinari, 2. Mack Parshay knocked out Bob Satterfield, 1. Jerry Berthiaume knocked out Morris Belanger, 1. Sailor Joe Kahut knocked out Jack Dillich, 3. Bob Satterfield knocked out Charlie Roth, 1.

Ghee Howard knocked out Joe Giambrone, 1. Billy Smith outpointed Roy Miller, 10. Major Kagle outpointed Pete Herrera, 4.. Obie Wooten knocked out Sgt. Duke Wright, 2. Eddie Turner outpointed Bill Gallant, 4. K.O. Brown beat Andrew Chapman. Andrew Chapman knocked out Jimmy Williams, lost to K.O. Brown.

Middleweights fared as follows: Bert Lytell knocked out Johnny Ryan, 3; defeated Cannonball Joe Reddick, 10. Joe Carter outpointed Cocoa Kid, 10. Cocoa Kid knocked out Joe Reddick, 6. Jerry Fiorello outpointed Freddie Flores, 8.

Vince Hawkins kayoed Jim Laverick, 9. Saint Paul knocked out Willis Scott, 4. Artie Levine outpointed Danny McMillan, 10; outpointed Joe Bennett, 8.

Bert Gilroy won Scottish Middleweight title by defeating Jock McCusker, 15, at Glasgow. Ossie Harris knocked out Cliff Beckett, 8. Kid Tunero beat Joe Legon, 10. Holman Williams beat Oscar Boyd, 10; and Prentice Hall, 8.

Jake LaMotta outpointed Vic Dellicurti, 10; outpointed Bert Lytell, 10. Ossie Stewart outpointed Burt Daniels, 8. Bee Bee Washington outpointed Johnny Finazzo, 12.

Walter Cunningham knocked out Teddy Richardson, 1. Frankie Gimbel put away Speedy Cannon, 6. Jimmy Edwards licked Milton Kells, 4. Ralph Dougherty decisioned Clem Fitzpatrick, 6. Sammy Muscato stopped Bob Simpson, 3.

Irish Mickey Doyle whipped Vic Belanger, 6. Jackie Capparell stopped Roger Bisson, 5. Freddie Sammons won over Kenny James, 6. Joe Sutka defeated Sam Hughes, 8. Freddie Lott licked Solly Zalter, 4; lost to Vince Gigante, 4.

Oscar Boyd eked out a win over Willie Jeter, 6. Charley Padalino edged out Willie Watkins, 6. Wild Bill McDowell trounced Eddie Gettys, 10. Lou Miller came from behind to knock out Johnny Weatherspoon, 3. Joe Blackwood stopped Lepp Webster, 5; Fernand Demers, 2; outpointed Charley Davis, 6.

Ross Hawks put away John Parker, 1. Gene Roberts defeated Freddie Graham, 6. Ellis Stewart whipped Howard Bennett, 8. Jackie Burke won over Al Sheridan, 6. Sailor Curley Denton defeated Buddy Rose, 10; and Rose beat Dave Clark in 10. Al Williams stopped Jack Payne, 2.

David Broad knocked out Billy Howard, 2. Marvin Bryant outpointed Coolidge Miller, 8. Baudelio Valencia stopped Eric Best, 2. Jack Cavanaugh halted Eric Ergis, 3. J. C. Wilkins flattened Johnny Young, 1.

Pancho Sequera knocked out Joe Wayne, 2; and Wayne knocked out Sequera, 1. Ray Spurdock drew in 6 with Jack Evans. Johnny Eaton knocked out Manuel Luevano, 1. Buzz Brown defeated Henry Chuckaluck, 6.

Roy Cruz kayoed Mel Allen, 3. Gordon Griffiths and Jimmy Hockley drew, 8. Hockley beat Ted Barter, 8. Jim Lydon stopped Harry O'Grady, 1. Louis Rousse beat Sebastian Gonzales, 6. Junior Washington outscored Larry Carter, 6. Carter stopped Duke Wright, 1. Carter knocked out Charley Catos, 3.

Johnny Carter won from Mario Ochoa, 10. Ochoa outpointed Johnny Jones, 10. Vic Chambers beat Sollie Zalter, 6. Bobby Dance won from Joe Jackson, 6, and knocked out Gene Roberts, 4. Tony DelGatto knocked out Baudelio Valencia, 3.

Randy Drew won from Ralph Dougherty, 6. Sid Jones knocked out Sgt. Duke Wright, 4. Eddie Mahoney knocked out Lee Walker, 2. Tony Mar won from Gene Spencer, 10.

Saint Paul won from Johnny Brown, 10. Perk Ross knocked out Manuel Villa, 1. Jackie Ryan won from Chino Rodriquez, 10. Top Row Jimmy Allen stopped Charlie O'Kelly, 5. Henry Anderson drew in four with Eddie Mahoney. Bobby Brown kayoed Paul Blanks, 5. Ray Dioses knocked out Frank Eubanks, 1.

Jack Burns stopped Bobby Coughlin. Hockey Bennell won from Cliff Bowen, 12. Dal Conway beat Stan Wilkes, 12. Alf Hyland beat Kev Robertson, 8.

Fred Manuel drew with Ken Murphy, 8. Owen Moase defeated Jack Kirkham, 12. Ron Richards and Clingan drew, 12. Dave Sands outpointed Al Walker, 12. Ritchie Sands and Tommy Ward drew, 12.

Bill Standering won from Billy Ward, 6. Mike Dalerno knocked out Eddie Riley, 3. Buzz Brown outpointed Annunzio Ferraro, 6. Jackie Burke outpointed Nolan Sharp, 10. Percy Cooper outpointed Johnny Marra, 6. Roy Cruz outpointed Nate Smith, 4.

Ray Dioses knocked out Ed Johnson, 1. Ted Gordon knocked out Steve Kish, 3. Vince Gigante outpointed Steve Kish, 4. Eddie Silvia outpointed Tony Gouveia, 6. Ray Acosta outpointed Jack Butler, 4.

Charley Catos knocked out Booker T. Washington, 5. Richie Dix knocked out Chief Crazy Horse, 2. Billy Goodman outpointed Nelson Canty, 6. Ran Jackson outpointed Johnny Hunt, 4; outpointed Jackie Cooper, 4.

Jim Tate knocked out Roy Hunter, 3. Frankie Cavanna outpointed Ernest Barnwell, 6. Eddie Mahoney drew with Henry Anderson, 4. Bobby Silva outpointed Eddie Mahoney, 4. Al Pittman outpointed Al Wright, 4. Eddie Silvia knocked out Danny Price, 1. Tony Soave knocked out Al Pinel, 6. Harold Williamson outpointed Mitchell Roberts, 4.

Jimmy Allen knocked out Charley O'Kelly, 5. Gilbert Whiteside outpointed Rudy Campa, 6. Al Williams knocked out Milton Kells, 4. Louis Wise outpointed Roy Miller, 10.

Jack Cavanaugh outpointed Johnny Parr, 4. Fist Deaver outpointed Frank Olsway, 4. Ken McCann outpointed Booker T. Washington, 4.

Larry Hardy outpointed Oscar Boyd, 10. Tony Petro knocked out Johnny Wetherspoon. Willard Buckless knocked out Henry Williams, 2. Billy Cooper outpointed Dave Carver, 6. Al Donofrio outpointed Bobby Snow, 4.

Jimmy Pettie knocked out Paul Ryan, 1. Bud Scott knocked out Bob Puch, 1. Willie Collins outpointed Alonzo Williams, 4. Tiger Roy Green outpointed Roy Cruz, 4.

Eddie Halligan outpointed Charley O'Kelly, 6, drew with Jimmy (Top Row) Allen, 6. Billy Latka and Edgar Robinson drew, 6. Collins Brown knocked out William Johnson, 7. Bennie Droll knocked out George Bacca, 1.

Billy (Chicken) Thompson outpointed Rudy Franklin, 6. Arthur Hardy outpointed Oscar Boyd, 10. Jimmy Mandell knocked out Sal Mendoza, 3. Evans Reedy outpointed Wildcat Stewart, 8.

Jimmy Edwards knocked out Ted Jamison, 3. Alonzo Williams outpointed Russ Long, 4. Mike DeL.Nero outpointed Bob Karrett, 4. Marion Sims knocked out Sammy Cole, 1. James McGrath knocked out Jerry Terry, 5.

Tony Marr knocked out Paul Lee, 3; outpointed Gene Spencer, 10. Wayne Armstrong knocked out Luis del Angel, 3; knocked out Julio Serna Rodriguez, 4.

Charley Padalino knocked out Nelson Davis, 3. Bobby Berger outpointed Al Barbosa, 6. Tony Soave knocked out Al Pinel, 4. Harry Williamson outpointed Solly Zalter, 6. Irish Mickey Doyle outpointed John King, 8.

Tony Del Gatto knocked out Harry Burden, 4. Ted Gordon knocked out Neal Stokes, 1. Floyd Gulick knocked out Gene Lydell, 2.

Billy (Chicken) Thompson knocked out Mel Allen, 1.

The Welterweight contests—Nick Moran outpointed Bob Montgomery, 10.

Johnny Greco knocked out Chuck Taylor, 5; kayoed Lou Miller, 2. Rocky Graziano flattened Solomon Stewart, 4. Bob Simmons defeated Do Do Woods, 8. Freddie Archer won from Sgt. Tommy Roman, 10; lost to Joe Curcio, 10. Curcio knocked out Henry Jordan, 1. George Sugar Costner won from Chester Slider, 10. Slider and Al Coutoure drew in 10.

Billy Graham defeated Johnny Williams, 8. Al (Bummy) Davis outpointed Eddie Saunders, 8. Tommy Mills outpointed Vic Pignatoro, 8. Fritzie Zivic outpointed Kid Azteca, 10.

Mayon Padlo kayoed Eddie Sloan, 3. Tony Janiro outpointed Sammy Parrotta, 8. Tommy Mara knocked out George Bass, 2. Freddie Dawson stopped Willie Calhoun, 7. Bobby Lakin outpointed Johnny Green, 10. Jackie Kid Berg beat Jimmy Brunt, 8.

Tommy Bell knocked out Chuck Hunter, 5. Ernie Roderick knocked out Jim Wellard, 5. Joe Angelo whipped Billie Napper, 6. George (Red) Doty kayoed Freddie Graham, 5. Lige Drew outpointed Solomon Stewart, 10.

Billy Russell knocked out Major Jones, 5. Bennie Evans outpointed Manuel Villa, 12. Lefty Satan Flynn defeated Bert Hyland, 10. Vincent LaSalva outpointed Howell Steen, 10. Harry Lazar beat Leo Phillips, 8.

Ralph Zannelli knocked out Ray Rovelli, 6. Jimmy Otis decisioned Johnny Ropedo, 4. Billy Stevens outpointed Phil Close, 8; Close lost to Dennis Skidmore, 8. Mick Gibbons beat Johnny Sayers, 10. Tommy Gibbons beat Nat Jones, 8. Ballesandra Carubia knocked out Freddie Cabral, 7; and licked Johnny Moran, 1. George (Red) Doty knocked out Soldier Lepp Webster, 7. Berry Wright outpointed Jimmy Taylor, 10; halted Dave Viau, 2.

Bob Garafola licked Alex Pacifico, 4. Jimmy Carroll beat Louis Moore, 4. Lem Hatchett stopped Walter Stanbach, 2. Frankie Ross whipped Cerefino Bronco, 8. Vinnie Jones knocked out Joe Butch Lynch, 7. "Bozo" Costantino defeated Sam Carter, 6. Charley Fusari stopped George Johnson, 3. Julie Cross whipped Bob Garafola, 4.

Ernie Forte reversed two previous losses to Jerry Fiorello by winning in 10. Johnny Jones licked Indian Gomez, 10. Jimmy Sherrer defeated Robert Fowler, 8. Charley Wells knocked out Tommy James, 2.

Butch O'Hara whipped Sabas Jamito, 6. Freddie Silvano licked Willie Henry, 4. Fred Burkhead decisioned Bob Leighton, 4. Wendy Wilo whipped Kenny James, 6. Pete Martin defeated Sid Haber, 6. Steve Bilko knocked out Johnny Hitt, 3. Bobby Zollo knocked out Frankie Ross, 7.

Tommy Gargano outpunched Johnny Rinaldi, 6. Jay Anderson defeated Lou Spurdis, 4. Freddie Veratti stopped Gary Cooper, 5. Vic Costa won a close one from Clarence (Cotton) King, 8; King defeated Herbie Solomon, 6. Tony Riccio whipped Benny Williams, 10. Joey Gambaro decisioned Billy Banks, 8.

Billy Nappier stopped Cliff Carden, 4; Bobby Allen stiffened Johnny Haskell, 1. Billy (Jiggs) Donahue put away Lee Jones, 8. Phil Carrozza decisioned Charley Hilton, 6. Freddie Patterson finished off Sam Muscato, 3.

Gene Boland licked Doyle Hirt, 5; beat Eddie Edmunds, 4. Johnny Suarez beat Irish Johnny Taylor, 10 and Snooks Lacey, 10. Leo Turner beat Jackie Ryan, 10 and drew with Ryan in 10. Don Lee stopped Irish Johnny Taylor, 9. Bobby Pooler defeated Cliff Carden, 4. Joe Nelson knocked out Paul Rowell.

Len Bernhardt knocked out George Dilks, 2. Jack Besselman stopped Tommy Green, 3. Luther Johnson won from Bobby Russell, 4. Joe Mallin won from Johnny Darkie Davies, 8. Tommy Marra kayoed Georgie Bass, 2.

Sparky Reynolds defeated Joe Kish, 6. Dick Shields won from Bob Ramsay, 8. Charley Zivic beat Andy Burton, 4. Gary Cooper drew with Ray Puig, 6.

Alex Como knocked out Benny Andy, 1. Julie Cross knocked out Frank Marino, 1. Lige Drew won from Henry Jordan, 10. Johnny Eaton outpointed Bill Parsons, 8. Johnny Red Fees stopped Kid Lewis, 5.

Billy Johnson stopped Marty Barbara, 1. Dave Bruce beat Yg Fowler, 10. Jim Kennedy won from Stanley Miller, 6. Vincent LaSalva beat Joey Manfro, 8. Bobby Maloney knocked out Jack Besselman, 2. Jesse Maroney won from George Williams, 10. Billy Nixon knocked out Tommy Daniels, 2.

Jack Petroskie won from Babe Lewis, 6. Lew Phillips knocked out Joey Murphy. Sal Richie stopped Tommy Gargano, 2. Johnny Rinaldi knocked out Jimmy Cognan, 2. Chino Rodriguez won from Jimmy Shans, 6. Stacky Rowe knocked out Bill Schollar, 2. Willie Russell knocked out Rene Cantero, 2. Buddy Samarco won from Foo Yee, 4. Bobby Snow knocked out Eddie Reardon, 5. Johnny Suarez won from Johnny Taylor, 10.

Lou Valles knocked out Eric Best, 2. Clarence Wilkinson won from Lew Perez, 6. Elmer Lewis outpointed Torpedo Reed, 4. Al Garcia stopped Fred Buckhard, 2. Patsy Zoccano kayoed Leonard Washington, 2.

Ray Laurie stopped Bobby March, 1. Sabas Jamito stopped Vince Tritto, cut eye, 2. Angelo Coco won from Kenny Trumbull, 3.

George Bacca beat Marvin Woods, 4. Bob Williams drew with Fred Burkhead, 4. Sabas Jamito beat Vince Tritto, 5. Johnny Ledesma kayoed Otis Jackson, 4. Frankie Abrams drew with Bobby Simmons, 8.

Billy Marsden won on a foul from Jackie Samuels, 10. Ken Murphy kayoed Tom Adams, 2. Ron McLaughlin and George Sands drew, 12. Ken Murphy and Fred Manuel drew, 8. Pete Wagner won a foul from Bob Millick, 4. Lou Williams defeated Clem Sands, 10.

Charlie Howley beat Ernie Frazier, 6. Frankie Ross outpointed Jimmy Callerio, 8. Cyril Francis outpointed Morris Baptiste, 6. Tony DeRosa outpointed Garry Durdan, 4. Everett Duane outpointed Gene Brown, 6. Clarence Garrett and Ice Cream Williams, drew, 4.

Joey LaMotta kayoed Dave Carver, 2; also kayoed Lou Black, 3; drew with Jimmy Mills, 6. Memo Llanes outpointed Torito Ramos, 10. Jerry Pittro outpointed Jimmy Hughes, 6. Leo Romanello outpointed Jeff Holloway, 8. Paul Ryan knocked out Bobby Allen, 1.

Pat Scanlon outpointed Jimmy Pell, 8. Bob Simmons outpointed Verne Patterson, 10. Eugene Strohlin knocked out Red Luce, 5. Melvin Woodson outpointed Fred Burkhead, 4. Johnny Worthey knocked out Ray Nulph, 4. George Bacca knocked out Marvin Woods, 4. Willie Edmunds outpointed Lew Nelson, 6. Al Erwin knocked out Marion Rhoeten, 2. Elmer Lewis outpointed Paul Lassiter,

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight — Gus Schlee, Buffalo, New York.

Light-heavyweight — Hubert Hood, Chicago, Ill.

Middleweight — Reedy Evans, Chicago, Ill.

Welterweight—Johnny Suarez, Portland, Ore.

Lightweight — Steve Kronis, Boston, Mass.

Featherweight — Bobby Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.

Bantamweight — Eddie Hines, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Flyweight — Benny Cousins, California.

4. Royal Martin outpointed Walter Stone, 4. Ross Romero outpointed Pedro Jiminez, 8.

Al Salas knocked out Lee Walker, 1. Jimmy Shans outpointed Alonzo Williams, 4. Al Barbosa knocked out Bob Allen, 2. Steve Bilko knocked out Patty Butler, 2. Mike DelNaro knocked out Rocky Kansas, 3. Charley Early outpointed Kid Lester, 10. Charley Fusari knocked out Tommy Mills, 3. Joe Gannon outpointed Frank Sweeney, 8. Benny Gomes knocked out Arthur Allison, 2. Jess Humble knocked out Mickey Hearne, 1. Morton Klein outpointed Jim Kennedy, 6; knocked out Joey Williams, 3; outpointed George Bass, 4.

Sparky Reynolds knocked out Ted Barnedo, 3. Mayhew Smith outpointed Jack Tarzan, 8. Walter Stanbach outpointed Pat Fran, 4. Hugh Stell outpointed Moby Beceril, 4; knocked out Russ Long, 4. Carl Steih knocked out Redcap Cooper, 1; outpointed Joe Vanelli, 4.

Lou Valles outpointed Jay Anderson, 4. Berry Wright outpointed Stanley Miller, 8. Torpedo Reed outpointed Paul Lassiter, 4. Jimmy McGriff knocked out Sammy Thompson, 5. Jimmy Carroll outpointed George Bacca, 4.

William (Flat Top) Cummings knocked out Gary Rice, 4. Eddie Davis knocked out Jim Driscoll. Smuggy Hursey outpointed Don Ellis, 6. Floyd LaVasseur knocked out Sonny Leech. Leonard Washington outpointed Hal LaTeur, 4.

Al Seidman outpointed Tommy Daniels, 6. Mike (Butch) Lucas outpointed Lou Perry, 10. Jay Anderson knocked out Julie Cross, 4. Danny Ardito outpointed Jimmy Rizzo, 6. Tony Brandino outpointed Tom Collins, 10.

Howard Carr knocked out J. C. Stroud, 4. Artie DePietro knocked out Mel Danbroder, 5. Tommy Marr knocked out Jackie Moore, 1. Sidney Miller knocked out Billy Camp, 6. Leo Turner outpointed Jackie Ryan, 10. Paul Lewis stopped Joe Keyes in 8, cut eye.

Bobby Burton knocked out Pee Wee Frederick, 1. Jimmy Green knocked out Verne Patterson, 7. Al Hallie outpointed Redcap Cooper, 4. Luther Johnson outpointed Tony Neives, 4. Johnny Worthey outpointed Joe Triollo, 4.

Charlie Howley outpointed Charley Hilton, 6. Jimmy Thompson knocked out Tony Brandino, 2. Lee Blair drew with Don Lee, 10. Johnny Meadows knocked out Richard Lamb, 4. Pete Viratos outpointed Lee Henderson, 6.

Harry Lane Thielepape outpointed Roberto Estrada, 6. Ignacio Garcia knocked out Jose Arebalo, 6; knocked out Walter Brady, 2. Kid Filipino outpointed Jerry Pittro, 10; outpointed Billy Deeg, 10. Johnny Eaton outpointed Bill Grier, 6. Ernie Guisti knocked out Johnny Mouch, 2.

Patsy Zaccano outpointed Frankie Dell, 4. Lew Spurdis outpointed Charley Howard, 4. Norman Gillette knocked out Bobby McKosker, 3. Tommy Gargano outpointed Johnny Rinaldi, 8. Mayhew Smith boxed a draw with Johnny Brown, 8.

Neva Esparza knocked out Johnny Dawson, 1. Sal Richie knocked out Patsy Zaccano, 2.

Clyde Gordon outpointed Doug Lester, 8. Joe Parsons knocked out Eddie Torre, 3. Dom Parent outpointed Johnny Mara, 6. Lige Drew outpointed Gene Roberts, 6. Jesse Moraney knocked out Tommy Green, 2. Referee declared bout no-contest. Buddy Freeman and Johnny Jones declared no-contest. Sparky Reynolds outpointed Art Robinson, 8.

Bouts in the lightweight class follow: Ike Williams won the N.B.A. lightweight title by scoring a two-round knockout over Juan Zurita in Mexico City. (Heck of a nerve, I'd say!). Bob Montgomery, scaling 140, lost in 10 to Nick Moran, 141 pounds. Willie Joyce outpointed Genaro Rojo, 10. Lay Dorsey outpointed Freddie Dawson, 10; Dawson stopped Sammy Daniels, 6.

Leroy Willis beat Lulu Costantino, 10. Allie Stolz outpointed Mario Colon, 8. Ronnie James halted Cyril Wills, 6. Pat Demers outpointed Danny Bartfield, 10 and beat Jean Buorniere, 10.

Dave Finn and Bobby Ramsay drew, 8. Cleo Shans knocked out Manuel Sierra, 6 and beat Ray Salas, 10. Santa Bucca knocked out Eddie Giosa, 6 and beat Pat Patucci, 8.

Jimmy Hatcher outpointed Jackie Larrimore, 10. Frankie Franconeri outpointed Ray Rogers, 6. Pat Scanlon beat Archie Gibbons, 6. Freddie Camuso stopped Abie Kaufman, 7; outpointed Ernie Forte, 10. Billy Banks outpointed Steve Bilko, 6.

Baby Al Brown drew with Roberto Carrillo, 10. Young Finnegan beat Tito Despaigne, 10. Al Tejada won from Tami Olaciregui, 8. Simon Lucas stopped Leocadio Torres, 4. Julie Bort outpointed Frankie Leta, 8.

Clarence "Cotton" King defeated Al Mobley, 6; Herbie Solomon, 6; lost to Al Costa, 8 and knocked out Johnny Souza, 1. Lou Bernal stopped Henry Zamora, 4. Cpl. Dick Cook beat Tiger Wills, 6. Teddy Guerrero halted Lee Riford, 1.

Henry Major finished even with Charley Milan, 6. Tony Argo flattened Francis Adams, 4. Eddie Owens defeated Sammy Brown, 4. Nick Stato won over Carlo DeJesus, 6; halted Dick Leon, 5; knocked out Bobby Mathews, 3; outpointed Lou Massone, 6. Rocco Lescio put away Pat Murray, 1. Joey Genovese got the duke over Ray Puig, 6. Steve Kronis flattened Leo Methot, 1; stopped Marty Pemba, 1 and outpointed Oscar St. Pierre, 10. Joe Celletti whipped Yvon Cote, 6. Arbie Bowie decisioned Joey Chapman, 8.

Gus Mell sprang a surprise by winning over Sal Bartolo, 10; then lost to Bartolo in 10. Joe Nuccio trimmed Catfish Bourgeois, 4. Allie Abbott flattened Rickey Monteiro, 2. Rickey licked Jose Hernandez, 6. Jimmy Belmont stopped Art Allison, 2. Allison did likewise to Red Ray, 2.

Wesley Mouzon whipped Eddie Giosa, 10. Gene Burton was held to a draw by Dave Freeman, 8. Joey Peralta outclassed Al Guido, 8. Jean Barriere outpointed Santiago Rivera, 10; lost to Pat Demers, 10 and lost to Sammy Garcia, 8.

Carl Olsen flattened Marcus McCrea, 1. Georgie LaRover trounced Mario Torres, 8; outpunched Ralph Walton, 8; outpointed Victor Jade, 10. Maxie Starr repeated over Lew Maxwell, 10. Phil Palmer outpunched Ben Evans, 10.

Abel Lucero knocked out Joe Gorman, 3. Frankie Hardeman (Baby Beau) licked Jimmy Cognan, 6. Rocco Lescio stiffened Ellis Simley, 2. Johnny Cesario won a close one from Silent Jimmy Anest, 10.

Jack Tarzan whipped Joe Monty, 6. Al Michaud trimmed Bob Pooler, 6. Jimmy Collins trounced Jorge Morelia, 8. Eden Germaine halted Wilfred Dempsey, 1. Earl Davis flattened Bobby Labbe, 3. Bob O'Neil decisioned Norman Bennett, 4.

Eddie George knocked out Eddie Watson, 1. Eddie Owens licked Willie Edmunds, 5. Willie Marcus stopped Sylvester Williams, 3. Joey Gatto outpointed Al Pennino, 8.

Billy Hurd put away Cerefino Tafeda, 1. Pat Murray whipped Nat Hutchins, 4. Sammy Montana and Dave Butler drew in 6. Billy Smith stopped Pete Karo, 3. Buzz Brown outpointed Henry Chuckaluck, 6. Billy Eddy knocked out Candy Cane, 3.

Billy Graham scored over Johnny Williams, 8. Johnny Priest defeated Pedro Crivello, 6.

Del Cockayne knocked out Ray Glenn, 1. Vinnie Melito knocked out Marcus McCray, 1. Felix Ramirez defeated Frank Franconeri, 6. Tommy Mills won over Vic Pignatoro, 8 and was stopped by Charley Fusari, 3. Jackie Rankin outpointed P. O. Ben Duffy, 8. Fidel Rivera beat Harry Hitlian, 8.

Snooks Lacey beat Midget Wolgast, 10; lost to Johnny Suarez, 10. Billy Smith kayoed Pete Karo, 3. Billy Taylor won from Tommy Foxall, 8. Johnny Alford knocked out Jimmy Guose, 3. Tony Argo drew with Bill Richardson, 4. Fred Bernard outpointed Pat Murray, 4. Arbie Bowie won from Tony Jackson, 6.

Tony Chavez stopped Lee Walker, 3. Pat Doyle stopped Mike Decosmo, 5; outpointed Eddie Pooler, 8; Pooler outpointed Vernia Laro, 4. Al Fern halted Marcel Fournier, 6. Georgie Hansford won from Alejandro Vega, 10. Caswell Harris beat Young Lee Q. Murray, 6. Georgie LaRover outscored Joe Genovese, 10. Carl Maynard drew with Joey Savidan, 4. Charley Milan won from Jimmy McGriff, 6.

Carl Olsen drew with Jimmy Saunders, 6. Willie Palmer knocked out Paul Powell, 1. Nick Primiani won from George Johnson, 6; lost to Leo Melito, 4. Lou Prince outpointed Felix Ramirez, 6. Ray Puig drew with Redcap Cooper, 6; outpointed Vinnie Melito, 4.

Bill Richardson drew with Tony Argo, 4. Jimmy Rizzo won from Earl Mintz, 4. Norman See knocked out Al Wooster, 5. Charley Smith won from Leroy Spencer, 10. Ralph Walton beat Joe Miller, 10. Jesse Watson kayoed Peter Peterson, 5. Jackie Williams stopped Charley Marshall, 4.

Allie Abbott won from Walter Gomes, 6. Melvin Bartholomew outscored Tiger Stewart, 8. Stanley Cieslak drew with Mike Gravino, 10. Billy Maguerita won from Dave Butler, 4. Eddie Moran stopped Frank Ross, 2; knocked out Vernon Labro, 4; outpointed Walter Gomes, 6.

Don Sandham kayoed Al Reid, 3. Steve Sloveski beat Jimmy Wilson, 4. Jack Bridges drew with Sal Malozzo, 12. Bob Fuller beat Harry Roe, 12. Norm Gent stopped Larry Foley, 10.

Jimmy Hill stopped Jack Primmer, 3. Leo Heeney knocked out Jack Garsixe, 5. Alby McCarthy stopped Jack Toomey, 5. Terry O'Toole beat George Craig, 10. Paddy Slavin defeated Jimmy Fraser, 12.

Bucca Santa outpointed Pat Patucci, 8. Ray Merrick kayoed Benny Revere, 3. Corky Davis decisioned Ernie Cabral, 10.

Tony Mande kayoed Dick Bing, 4. Georgie Pilgrim outpointed Cipriani Cox, 8. Fred Bernard outpointed Jimmy Saunders, 4. Chet Bossio knocked out Bobby Mason, 3. Ray Brown outpointed Johnny Ricco, 8. Dave Butler knocked out Eddie Demers, 2.

Jackie Connelly outpointed Georgie Knox, 6. Jimmy Duponte knocked out Speedy Garcia. Antonio Feneralao knocked out Jimmy Lloyd, 3. Sid Haber outpointed Pete Martin, 6. Al Jordan outpointed Del Cockayne, 8.

Ray Lewis outpointed Eddie Salazar, 6. Johnny Priest beat Joe Celetti, 6. Nick Primiani outpointed Lou Prince, 4. Bobby Yaeger knocked out Artie Dorrell, 9. Tommy Barr knocked out George Gibson, 4.

Buddy Freeman knocked out Billy Smith, 2 and Mike DeCosmo, 4. Bobby Jackson outpointed Joe Robleto, 10. Jimmy Collins outpointed Mario Colon, 8. Bill Eddy knocked out Patsy Zaccano, 5. Johnny Bo Harris outpointed Jimmy Mason, 6.

Proctor Heinhold outpointed Rodolfo Villa, 8. Will Jones drew with Wilford Scott, 4. Frankie Moore knocked out Billie Hales, 10.

Jorge Morelia outpointed Guy Serean, 8. Hubert Samuels outpointed Ernie Petrone, 6. Ray Parker knocked out Jimmy Fox, 4. Joe Vannetti outpointed Billy Hurd, 4. Teddy Guerrero knocked out Bill Hadley, 1.

Bourbon Murphy outpointed Terry Amico, 4. Dave Butler outpointed Jimmy Belmont, 6. Vinnie Melito outpointed Willie Marcus, 4. Joe Miller knocked out Mickey DeCaro, 5.

Johnny Rohrig outpointed Al Starling, 4. Baby Tiger Flowers knocked out Robert (Rocky) Kansas, 1. Benny Andy knocked out Alex Como, 4. Archie Gibbons outpointed Izzy Manor, 6.

Joey Angelo knocked out Carlo DeJesus, 2. Joey Carkido knocked out Marcus McCrea, 3. Joe Celletti outpointed Tony Gouveia, 6. Johnny Cool outpointed Steve Bellus, 8 and stopped Ernie Davis, 3. Davis knocked out Carl Stein, 1.

Clyde Diamond knocked out Art Allison, 2. Major Jones knocked out Manuel Luevano, 1. Leo Melito outpointed Earl Mintz, 4.

Billy Smith knocked out Dick Czernick, 1. Joe Barone outpointed Tony Marino, 4. Kid Butler knocked out Meyer Gentile, 3. Jesse Flores knocked out Billy Gibson, 4; outpointed Boytkin Bourgeoise, 4. Gene Jensen knocked out Wilford Scott, 4. Leon Jones outpointed Kid Tag, 4.

Shamus McCrea outpointed Benny Black, 4; outpointed Teddy Guerrero, 4. Al Michaud outpointed Baby Tiger Flowers, 8. Ray Merrick knocked out Harold Barrett, 1. Billy Richards and Tiger Bruns boxed a draw, 4. Eddie Smith outpointed Jimmy (Sunny) Hampton, 10.

Johnny Montreal knocked out Paulie Wilson, 2. Tony Chavez knocked out Tiger Burns, 2. Billy Terry knocked out Jackie Cooper, 3. Vincent Mazac outpointed Rudy Flores, 4. Francisco Dozal outpointed Manuel Rios, 4. DeWitt Oliver knocked out Fred Sheppard, 1.

Tony Rios outpointed Jose Mendoza, 10. Salvador Chavez outpointed Isadora Blanco, 6. Abel Lucero knocked out Billy Hayman, 2. Bill Richardson outpointed Tony Argo, 5.

Charley Wooster outpointed Eddie Berry, 6. Ralph Walton outpointed Alex Doyle, 8. Pat Butler knocked out Johnny Hitt, 1. Johnny Montreal outpointed Ralph Nulph, 6. Joe Miller outpointed Nat Williams, 6. Mike Martyk knocked out Al Triola, 2. Eden Germaine outpointed Edgar Allie, 6. Juan Carrero outpointed Jimmy Rizzo, 6.

Chuck Floyd knocked out Gordon Hunt, 3. Lee Garrett outpointed Johnny Virgo, 6. Billy Hurd outpointed Johnny Alford, 4. Patty DeMarco knocked out Jimmy Gause, 4.

Proctor Heinhold outpointed Jose Mendoza, 8. Bill Haymen outpointed Teddy Guerrero, 4. Walter Houston knocked out Bobby Taylor, 1. Shamus McCrea outpointed Gil Gonzales, 4. Chevo Carajal outpointed Bert White, 6. Jesse Flores knocked out Tony Neives, 2. Joe Marmo outpointed Al Bishop, 4.

Willie Calhoun knocked out Santiago Rivera, 6. Pedro Firpo outpointed Paulie Jackson, 10. Steve Kronis knocked out Oscar St. Pierre, 3.

Featherweight bouts: Phil Terranova did a good job in licking Maxie Shapiro, 10. Sal Bartolo lost a close one to Gus Mell, 10 (overweight match); outpointed Gus Mell, non-title, 10. Danny Webb whipped Bob Ramsey, 8; beat P. O. Ben, 8.

Chalky Wright sprang an upset by winning over Willie Joyce, 10. Maurice "Lefty" LaChance defeated Carlos Chavez, 10; lost in six to Bernard Docusen; won from Norman See, 10. Jackie Graves outpointed Luis Castillo, 8. Charley Cabey Lewis won from Georgie Cooper, 10; won from Mario Torres, 8.

Sandy Saddler stopped Willie Anderson, 5 and Chillindrine Valencia, 9. Paul Reguejo outpointed Jackie Callura, 10. Johnny Wolgast stopped Paul Febbo, 7. Talbert Anderson decisioned Midget Mayo, 6. Sammy Garcia outpointed Jean Barriere, 8 and Blonde Tiger, 6. Leo Macucci outpointed George Butler, 6. Bobby Smith outpointed Georgie Cooper, 10.

Freddie Russo decisioned Clint Miller, 8. Ralph Lara-Donnie Maes, no-contest, 7. Battling Rosendo whipped Eddie Sangster, 4. Wern Brown took Cecil Schoonmaker into camp, 6. Tommy Nelson drew with Cleve Holt, 4. Jimmy McAllister trounced Charley Cabey Lewis, 10.

Buddy Hayes whipped Leo Mucucci, 8; and beat Tony Ferry, 8. Billy Murray stopped Rickey Silvia, 1. Archie Stock put away Johnny Manuel, 2. Oscar Levant stopped Tommy Monty, 4. Jock Leslie flattened Jackie Allen, 6. Maxie Docusen defeated Tommy Pauley, 4.

Tony Ferry decisioned George Butler, 6; Butler stopped Rickey Monteiro, 2. Johnny Land halted Mike Trapani, 1. Billy Carroll whipped Manuel Torres, 6. Eddie Compo decisioned Rocky Progano, 6. Jimmy Saunders defeated Ray Puig, 4. Benny Saladino licked Earl Mintz, 6.

Pedro Ramirez-Ernesto Aguilar broke even in 12, (Mexican featherweight title). Babe Kelly outpointed Archie Devino, 6. Alf Brailsford beat Paddy O'Neil, 8. Jack Clancy stopped Chris Adcock, 5.

Gus Foran halted George Thomas, 7. Harry Trimes won on a foul from Bert Jackson, 3. Cliff Morris beat Tommy Plowright, 8. Al Phillips scored over Johnny Price, 8.

Marty Barbara knocked out Billy Johnson, 1. Pete Bolos won from Kudu Ortiz, 8. Billy Gray won from Eddie Mullins, 4.

Jock Leslie stopped Tom Kiene, 7. Leo Mucucci stopped Charley Wooster, 1; outpointed George Butler, 6. Stumpy Saunders drew in six with Carl Olson. Angelo Ambrosano outpointed Lucky Johnson, 6. Ray Morris outpointed Bobby Washington, 6. Augie Breton defeated Henry Polowitzer, 3.

Mike Gravino drew with Stanley Cieslik, 10. Henry Willie kayoed Duke Veldez, 1. Teddy Argans defeated Pat O'Connor, 8. Leo Berry won from Mickey Williams, 8. Les Brooks defeated Len Young, 12. Col Davis stopped Tom Johnson,

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In Sunny California

By Harry Winkler

CHALKY WRIGHT is an ex-champion and a good one, but what he did in the Los Angeles' Olympic ring last month will be the feat longest remembered by the fans after he has retired (if he ever does) from the ring. Imagine the 33-year-old featherweight outboxing and outpunching one of the best lightweights in the country! Well, that's what the little Negro did in winning a 10-round decision over Willie Joyce. Chalky performed like some of the clever old-timers. Come to think of it, he is almost of that era himself, having been boxing for over 17 years.

For three rounds Chalky looked like the instructor putting an overly-ambitious pupil in his place, as he slipped or pulled away from Joyce's jabs and right-crosses, and countered with hooks or rights to rock Willie to his heels. However, those were the only three heats that Wright was so much in command. For the next seven rounds the contest was close, with first one, then the other, in the lead. As the fast pace began to tell on Chalky, he was hit more often with Willie's left jabs, but still was "the little man who wasn't there" when Joyce shot over his good right hand.

Willie scored often with jabs in the late rounds, the tiring Chalky being content to save his ammunition for counter-punching, which he executed with telling effect, buckling the Gary boxer's knees on numerous occasions. A crowd of 9000 howled throughout the fast action, thoroughly enjoying (the gamblers excepted) seeing the 5-to-1 underdog upset the dope. Referee Mushy Callahan, having Wright ahead by only one point, tabbed it a draw, but both judges voted for Chalky. Wright weighed 132, Joyce 136.

In supporting bouts, Gilbert Whiteside, 157, won easily over Rudy Campa, 154 (6); Jack Butler, 170, K.O.'ed Leonard Nix, 175 (4); Al Williams, 163, stopped Milton Kells, 161 (4); Ran Jackson, 160, bested Jackie Cooper, 155 (4); Torpedo Reed, 143, decisioned Paul Lassiter, 142 (4).

Petey Wheatstraw, knocker-outer of Los Angeles, had his refrigerating habits brought to a halt when Bob Farris, another up-and-coming Negro youth of Los Angeles, held him to a 10-round draw at the Ocean Park Arena. And Petey had to climb off the floor to get the draw. He was decked for nine in the ninth, but finished the round strong and came back to take the final heat. Each weighed 146.

Other results: Lou Bernal, 132, decisioned Rosendo Trejho, 128, in four; Ralph Lee, 161, defeated Billy Smith, 160, in four; Levi Board, 136, stopped Johnny Verdusco, 139, in two; Bird Collins, 162, K.O.'ed Mike Ochoa, 157, in the first heat; Nate Gibson, 167, T.K.O.'ed Ray Rainey, 173, in the second.

Two of Mexico's outstanding featherweights, Enrique Bolanos and Baby Gonzales, had it out at the Hollywood Stadium, with Bolanos, 1 to 3 favorite, emerging the winner. The decision was unanimous but the contest was close. In fact, Enrique had to come from behind to win. Bolanos, like many of the boxers from below the Border, is an inconsistent performer, and his efforts during the first half of this bout were nothing to shout about.

However, Gonzales' shifty weaving and bobbing had much to do with Enrique's poor timing, and the Bambino's left hooks to the 'ellybay probably robbed Bolanos of some of his speed. At any rate, Gonzales was out in front at the end of the sixth and appeared headed for victory, as Enrique was unable to find a parking place for his potent right-hand shots, while the Baby shook up his countryman with long rights to the head, and caused him to clinch from steaming lefts to the body.

But the picture changed in the seventh. Bolanos' seconds must have instructed the ex-bellhop not to answer those bells as though they meant "ice water for room 7," for, Enrique came out full of pepper and tossed leather from all angles to win the round by a big margin. He repeated the treatment in the eighth to make the point score about even. Gonzales had tired badly from the fast pace and could not produce the necessary speed to take the play away from his fast moving foe. Bolanos continued to stab in left jabs to garner the final two rounds and the decision. Each weighed 127.

In the semi, Lou Bernal, 131, pasted Henry Zamora, 132, lustily to win by a T.K.O. in the fourth. In the four-rounders, Rosendo Trejho, 127, defeated Eddie Sangster, 130; Jack Butler, 176, whipped Russell Metcalf, 178; Jimmy Edwards, 155, bested Milton Kells, 157; Teddy Guerrero, 139, K.O.'ed Levi Board, 134, in the first. But, pshaw, Levi didn't mind, he had been knocked stiff as a board many times.

The referees down San Diego way do some strange things, but it remained for Holly Foreman, making his debut as third man in the ring, to top all the strange antics perpetrated in the Border City ring by arbiters. Charley Early of Oakland and Kid Lester of San Diego, two Negro sluggers, were milling in the ninth round of a go at the Coliseum which the fans appeared to be enjoying, when suddenly Referee Foreman halted the bout and announced that he was calling it "no contest."

Fans voiced their disapproval of his action and Promoter Onyx Roach ordered the fighters back into the ring and put in Referee Joe Narvaez (one of the judges) to carry on. The fight was finished, with Early being declared the winner. The go had been a rough-house affair and ringsiders stated that the referee had warned the scrappers on numerous occasions because of their rough tactics. Judging from the reaction of the crowd, the ref must have been in error.

In the companion 10-rounder of this burlesque show, Titus Hawkins, 166, San Diego Negro, iced Frank Calzo in the sixth. Calzo had a shade at the end of the fourth, but Titus floored the Mexican for a nine-count in the fifth and had him on dizzy street at the bell. A right uppercut dropped Calzo on his face for the full count in the sixth.

In three four-rounders, Ray Parker stopped Jimmy Fox; Little Giant beat Ramiro Lopez, and Al Pittman defeated Al Wright.

Speaking of referees—in this very city which has so many queer decisions rendered at its club, lives Les (Red) Green, former lightweight of Los Angeles. Green is a chief specialist in charge of boxing at the Naval Training Station. Liking him as much as I do, I would dislike seeing him become a referee, and I doubt that he has either the time or inclination to be one. But, if Promoter Onyx Roach could get the State Athletic Commission to appoint Green and persuade Red to accept the appointment, San Diego would have one of the best referees in this state.

Bobby Jackson and Joe Robleto met in a rematch at the Los Angeles Olympic and Jackson evened their score by copping a 10-round decision. Robleto forced the fighting throughout and in the early rounds it appeared that the Pasadena boy was to repeat his win over the soldier. Joe garnered three of the first four rounds with solid blows to the head, while Bobby missed badly. Robleto closed Jackson's right eye with a left hook in the fifth and then the fireworks really started.

With the possibility of losing the fight by a T.K.O. due to the injured optic, the hot-headed soldier became infuriated and tore into Robleto with a vengeance. Bobby rushed Joe into the ropes and punched him dizzy with hard blows to the head. Both tired badly after that hectic fifth and the late rounds were tame compared to the tough fighting in the first half of the go. Jackson won four of the remaining five rounds by shades to get the duke. Each weighed 132.

In the semi, Ran Jackson, 160, won all six rounds from Johnny Hunt, 162.

In remaining prelims, Ray Acosta, 168, bested Jack Butler, 176 (4); Jimmy Shans, 146, nodded Alonzo Williams, 151 (4); Jesse Jackson, 186, won by a T.K.O. over Jack Tracey, 181 (2); Elmer Lewis, 145, decisioned Paul Lassiter, 143 (4).

Georgie Hansford, 132, Los Angeles veteran, outboxed and outpunched Alejandro Vega, 138, Jalisco, Mex., in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Vega kept tearing in and Georgie nailed him with his best punches, but he couldn't deck the tough Mexican. Hansford, making his second start of a comeback, was credited with seven of the ten rounds.

Other results: Steve Ludman, 194, punched out a close decision over Mike O'Grady, 208, in four; Elmer Lewis, 142, beat Torpedo Reed, 145, in four; Earl Maynard, 133, drew with Joey Savidan, 136, in four; Al Timmons, 177, disposed of Jack Romero, 176, in the fourth; Bob Telleis, 117, stopped Victor Yannes, 112, in the third.

Nick Moran of Mexico pounded out a unanimous decision over Eddie Hudson of San Francisco in a bristling 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Moran gave the Negro boxer quite a pasting despite the fact that Nick suffered an injury to his left eye early in the milling that closed completely shut before the bout ended. Moran pounded Eddie to the floor for a nine-count in the fourth and gave him an unmerciful beating for the balance of the round. The Mexican also dropped Hudson to his knees in the sixth.

Being far out in front, Moran covered up much of the time during the final two rounds to protect his closed, largely puffed left eye, fighting back just enough to keep from being bested. It was a dandy scrap all the way and stubbornly contested, in spite of Hudson being credited with but two of the rounds, with Nick ahead in eight of the heats. Moran weighed 140, Hudson, 136.

Spider (Mock) Jensen, 141, of Burbank (now in the Navy), won by a T.K.O. over Dub Bowen, 136, in the fourth round of the semi. Bowen's handlers jumped in the ring claiming Dud had broken his hand in the third. Jensen was ahead.

In the four-rounders Hugh Stell, 149, decisioned Moby Beceril, 150; Willie Jones, 140, nodded Wilford Scott, 138; Jack Romero, 176, T.K.O.'ed Ray Rainey, 171, in the fourth; Jess Humber, 145, iced Mickey Hearn, 147, in the first.

A couple of Los Angeles Mexican boys met down San Diego way one evening and spent the night just fooling around, which would have been all right, had their "night off" not been advertised and curious customers not charged to attend the rendezvous. But, Donnie Maes and Ralph Lara gave the impression that their meeting in the Coliseum ring was to be of a serious nature. Which it turned out to be—and how! Referee Joe Stone tossed the boxers out of the ring in the seventh frame and declared the bout "no contest." The bout had been dull and listless. The ref stated that the boxers were not giving their best efforts, particularly Maes. He had warned both on numerous occasions.

In other bouts, Spider (Mock) Jensen, 142, stopped Ray Parker in the fifth round of the semi. The Spider had floored Parker in the fourth and was hitting him at will when the affair was halted. Little Giant, 128, decked Al Moreno with a right to the jaw, then finished him with a left to the tummy in the 4th; Chick Musgrove chilled Miguel Ochoa in the second; Al Wright was awarded the nod over Al Pittman in four.

(Note—Having commented on the strange decisions rendered by some of the referees at San Diego, I do not want the reader to get the impression that this decision in the Maes-Lara bout may be just another of those strange verdicts. I wasn't there, but I've known Ensign Joe Stone for years. I know of his ability and integrity, therefore, know that he acted wisely and justly.)

Willie Joyce, clever Gary (Ind.) Negro, still smarting from the defeat by the veteran featherweight, Chalky Wright, wreaked his vengeance on Genero Rojo, Los Angeles Mexican, at the Los Angeles Olympic. Joyce gave Rojo about as thorough a pasting as is possible in ten rounds with leather mittens. The first three rounds were not too interesting, as Willie found it difficult to get to his big, rangy foe (Rojo has the frame of a light-heavy), and Genero was too busy striking poses for his following in the gallery, to do much else.

Rojo came out fighting in the fourth (after Referee Benny Whitman had held a brief conference in his corner before the bell) and copped the round by rocking Joyce with some solid rights to the head. At the end of this round, the only one that Rojo won, the theatrical Mexican waved to the gallery. That was the last salute that Genero gave to his Alpine Street gang on this night, for, from then on to the final bell, Joyce rained leather pellets on every part of Rojo's body from the waist up.

Although outclassed and at times made to look like an amateur, Rojo kept the fight a thrilling one by his efforts to nail his elusive foe with his trip-hammer right. Though exciting, it became so one-sided in the late rounds that there would have been no beefs from the crowd had Whitman halted the affair, as Rojo was staggered many times and on numerous occasions had to clinch or grab the ropes to keep from going down. Joyce, although not a heavy hitter, tried hard for a knockout and did manage to drop Genero to one knee in the seventh with an overhand right. Joyce weighed 138, Rojo, 142.

In the semi-final, Spider (Mock) Jensen, 141, stopped Wilford Scott, 137, in the fourth round. The bell ending the third found Scott laid out like a rug. He came out for the fourth, but was soon being punched around badly and the affair was stopped.

In the four-rounders, Willie Collins, 156, won over Alonzo Williams, 154, in a socking spree; Shamus McCray, 140, nodded Benny Black, 142; Eddie Sangster, 132, dilly-dallied to a win over reluctant Fidel Aguilar, 133; Benny Cousins, 116, outmaneuvered (Ho, hum!) Augie Rodriguez, 115, for the 'steenth time.

Louis Wise, 169, Los Angeles, pounded out a 10-round decision over Roy Miller, 167, Kansas City, at the Ocean Park Arena. Louie could not deck the rugged Miller, but he was too Wise for his aggressive foe.

In remaining bouts, Ray Acosta, 171, stiffened Harry Wills, 174, in the second; Lloyd Batista, 131, outpointed Henry Briere, 134, in four; Benny Cousins, 117, stopped Ponce Jurado, 118, in the fourth; Bourbon Murphy, 142, bested Terry Amico, 140, in four; Teddy Guerrero, 139, disposed of Billy Hadley, 133, in the first.

A badly cut eye suffered by Artie Dorrell of Tyler, Tex., gave Bobby Yeager of Los Angeles a T.K.O. victory in the ninth round at the Hollywood Stadium. Yeager had bested the Texan in six of the nine rounds fought, yet

Dorrell made such an aggressive and successful attack in the eighth and ninth heats that, had Artie been able to cop the final round, he might have been given a draw. The packed house went wild when Dorrell, a 3-to-1 underdog, rushed Yeager around the ring with a two-fisted barrage, and they were keenly disappointed when denied of the final round of the go.

However, the cut eye may not have been the incident to make Bobby the winner, for Yeager was not hurt and withstood Dorrell's blitzkrieg better in the ninth than he had in the eighth. A cool headed, hard hitter like Yeager might also do things in a final round. Dorrell grabbed the second round by getting in some solid lefts to the body, but that was the only heat that Artie garnered until his big push in the eighth.

Yeager boxed nicely to win the third, fourth and fifth frames, and he gave Dorrell quite a trimming in the sixth and seventh. The tiring Texan was bleeding from both nose and mouth at the end of these rounds. Blood was streaming from a cut over Artie's left eye at the end of the ninth and Referee Abe Roth called in the club physician, who ordered the bout halted. Yeager weighed 138, Dorrell, 144.

Billy Latka, 153, Glendale policeman, and Edgar Robinson, 159, Phoenix (Ariz.) Negro, went to a dull six-round draw in the semi.

Fidel Aguilar, 132, floored Al Miller, 130, to get the duke in a four-rounder; Alonzo Williams, 153, added another beating to the muchly-defeated Russ Long, 151; Jimmy Edwards, 156, K.O.'ed Ted Jamison, 154, in the third; Eddie Singster, 131, decisioned Lloyd Batiste, 132.

Memo Llanes, 140, of Mexico, won easily over Torito Ramos, 138, in their rematch at the San Diego Coliseum. Ramos won only one round, the ninth, in which he tagged his opponent with three hard rights to the head. Llanes copped four of the heats by wide margins and fought to about even terms in five of the rounds. Ramos came out swinging for a knockout in the tenth stanza, but was continually beat to the punch with short left hooks.

Chick Musgrove and Manuel Silva slugged to a six-round draw in the semi. Musgrove socked Silva merrily for three heats, then ran out of gas and was, himself, belted around in the final three frames.

The three prelims ended by knockouts. Billy Harrison rocked Teddy Guerrero to sleep in the second; Jimmy Fox sent Sal Sanchez to the showers in the third; Baby Face Mathis gave Ken Mooman the works in the second.

The young heavies in these parts had better be careful about winning two or three fights in a row, as it is getting tough to secure opponents for Al Hart. A young Negro heavy, boxing under the name of Hindu Fleet, performed in amateur rings around these parts awhile back. Fleet recently returned to Los Angeles, won a couple of bouts at the Olympic and was matched with Hart for a 10-rounder (there is optimism) at the Olympic. Hart is the beautifully proportioned Negro of Washington, D. C., who stopped Turkey Thompson in a round. He is an athletic giant with a terrific punch. The Negro Adonis is—eh? Oh, the fight!

Well, Fleet stood for a belting around for about four minutes, twice as long as he figured to last. Hindu tried, and got in a couple of blows of his own, but he is crude and inexperienced. Hart was much too good for him. Fleet was staggered twice in the opening round and felled early in the second. When he regained his feet, Hindu walked dizzily along the ropes with his back to his opponent, which prompted Referee Benny Whitman to stop it. Fleet had slipped to the floor twice before being knocked down. Hart weighed 220, Fleet 192.

In other bouts, Chino Rodriguez, 146, was awarded a close decision over Jimmy Shans, 144 (6); Carlton Perry, 198, and Hank Morris, 212, both Negroes, brawled like a couple of drunken seamen, with Perry getting the palm (4); Val Valentine, 117, won easily from Augie Rodriguez, 118 (4), Benny Cousins was probably out of town; Bobby Zander, 182, Texas Negro, looked good in winning over Eddie Jackson, 200, a pretty fair Negro heavy (4); Ray Acosta, 168, nodded Jack Butler, 174 (4).

Don Lee, 148, Inglewood, and Ike Blair, 153, El Centro, battled ten rounds to a draw at the Ocean Park Arena. Lee had piled up an early lead, but Blair, substituting for Melvin Johnson, came on strong at the finish to tie the score.

In the prelims, Billy Tierney, 156, iced Jackie Cooper, 153, in the third; Dave Gamage, 183, rendered Jimmy Liles, 175, hors de combat in the second; Jay Jan, 117, passed the powders to Bobby Telles, 121, in the fourth; Shamus McCray, 139, defeated Teddy Guerrero, 142, in four; Johnny Meadows, 147, sheared Richard Lamb, 154, in the fourth.

In the annual "Fight for Lives" benefit show staged at the Hollywood Stadium, Benny Goldberg, 120, Detroit southpaw, outclassed Lorenzo Safora, 119, of Cuba, being credited with every one of the ten rounds. There were no knockdowns, but Safora was a bit woozy on a number of occasions.

In the prelims, Gene Felton, 190, T.K.O.'ed Mike O'Grady, 208; Lou Bernal, 132, nodded Rosendo Trejho, 128; Al Timmons, 177, defeated Jack Romero, 176; Ponce Jurado, 118, won over Augie Rodriguez, 117.

Al Lang made up the show, which netted $9000.

First-string boxers being as scarce as shoe ration stamps, Matchmaker Babe McCoy put Humberto Sierra of Cuba and Paul Reguejo (Rekayo) of San Jose in a 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. (Aside to McCoy: Cheer, up, Babe, Winkler's fighters will soon be back in circulation!) The bout was a disappointing one, for in most cases these "small fry" put on good action fights, while this one was dull ninetenths of the time.

There was real action only at the time Reguejo made his usual spurts, at which times Humberto swapped punches with the Mexican. Sierra was willing to mix it up, but Reguejo backpedaled most of the time. The thin Cuban missed many of his leads, but did score with enough left hooks to the body and rights to the head to win going away, being credited with seven of the rounds. Sierra weighed 129, Reguejo, 130.

The cash customers got something for their dough in the semi, when Johnny Haynes, 218, and Al Ware, 210, of Oakland, staged a six-round brawl. The big boys slugged themselves to exhaustion, with Haynes winning by a good margin.

In the four-rounders, Chino Rodriguez, 146, outclassed Jackie Cooper, 153; Al Williams, 158, and Alonzo Williams, 153, ended up as close as their names; Sonny Hill, 135, decisioned Wilford Scott, 138; Lloyd Batiste, 132, and Henry Briere, 127, wound up in a tie.

Mike Gamiere of Cleveland and Alejandro Vega of Jalisco, Mexico, slugged it out for ten rounds at the Ocean Park Arena, to end up just as they started, even. The Cleveland veteran's experience enabled him to hold his own with the charging Mexican. Each weighed 142.

Other results: Ray Acosta, 170, bested Allen Arnett, 178 (6); Billy Jones, 155, iced Bob Hawkins, 160 (2); Dave Gamage, 186, put Bill Parks, 185, in his usual horizontal position (3); Nate Gibson, 166, dumped Ray Rainey, 174 (4); Paul Williams, 129, got the call over Chuck Edwards, 128 (4).

David K. Stevenson of San Francisco has been appointed a member of the State Athletic Commission. He replaces Pencevich. Hubba, Hubba! This writer is acquainted with the new commissioner and believes that his appointment is a very good thing for California boxing. He is a fine fellow personally and has been associated with the sport, particularly amateur boxing, for nearly forty years. Stevenson is president of the Boxers and Wrestlers Welfare Fund of San Francisco; was a member of the Olympic Games Boxing Committee, and has been an A.A.U. official at amateur boxing tournaments for many years.

LEST I FORGET—Chalky Wright and Manager Eddie Walker have renewed their contract for another three years. . . . Elmer Ray added three more victims to his K.O. list last month by belting out Vince Pimpinella and Perk Daniels at Baltimore, and Bob Jacobs at Miami. . . . Hear that Billy Conn, heavyweight contender, stopped Costello Cruz, local light-heavy, in the third heat of an exhibition bout at Rheims, France. . . . Watson Jones has been released by Al McCoy. 'Tis said that Ralph Faris paid $6000 for the papers on Jones. . . . Lige Drew again decisioned Henry Jordan in ten, at Holyoke, Mass. . . . Alejandro Vega of Jalisco, Mex., is sure to have his favorite music played on the night of his fights. A Mariachi band accompanies Vega to the arenas. . . . Perk Daniels T.K.O.'ed Curtis Sheppard in the seventh at Pittsburgh. . . . William P. Houghton was elected chairman of the State Athletic Commission at the last meeting of that body. . . . Al Jordan defeated Del Cockayne in eight at St. Paul. . . . Lou Gross came out here from Philadelphia to direct Willie Joyce in his fight with Rojo, and judging by Willie's performance, Lou did a good job. . . . Archie Moore stopped Teddy Randolph in the ninth at Baltimore. . . . Mrs. Mozelle Britton Dinehart, widow of the former actor, is the manager of Spider (Mock) Jensen. . . . Luis Castillo was bested in eight at Minneapolis. Gus Wilson, manager of Castillo, was favorably impressed with my old home town. . . . Bert Lytell was decisioned by Jake LaMotta in ten at Boston. . . . Barney Ross is endeavoring to line up a good outdoor attraction for Los Angeles.

Spring is here! And budding promoters are on the prowl again. Three or four permits to conduct boxing will probably be issued within the next month. The closing of the clubs will be reported in this column a few weeks later. . . . Jimmy Casino stopped Red Jackson in the third at Spokane . . . Among recent arrivals in local fistic mart are Carlos Malacara of Mexico, Joey Pirrone and Dan Merritt of Cleveland, Lou Brooks of Wilmington, Del., and Bobby Zanders of Texas. . . . Juan Zurita, who lost his lightweight title to Ike Williams at Mexico City, has announced his retirement and is to go into business in that city. . . . Harry Gordon, well-known trainer, is back in harness again.

Have neglected to comment on our local prospects in recent months so get back to it with this item: Jimmy Shans and Bob Farris, Negro welterweights, are living up to predictions made in this column at the time they entered pro ranks. Rosendo Trejho is doing well: Lou Bernal is showing improvement; Nolan Sharp, Negro heavy, appears to be going nowhere, probably due to early over-matching. He has lost nine of his last ten bouts, his single win being a K.O. over Johnny Brisco. Johnny Garcia, Golden Gloves middleweight champ, has announced his retirement.

That veteran handler of fighters Mike McNulty of St. Paul, must regret he sold young Nick Moran to Gus Wilson for $1,000.

Moran, who came here from Mexico City and fought his way through the preliminary ranks on May 8, pounded out a 10-round decision over Corp. Bob Montgomery of Luke Field, Ariz. Montgomery is recognized by the New York State Athletic Commission as the lightweight champion.

Moran was the underdog as he stepped into the ring at Olympic Auditorium. Some bet 3 to 1 he wouldn't be on his feet at the finish. Instead, he knocked the tall Negro boxer to the canvas in the first round, held his own in the boxing end and slugged on even terms with Montgomery.

Moran suffered cuts under both eyes but he puffed one of Montgomery's in return and when Bob tried to put over a knockout in the closing rounds, Nick inflicted considerable damage on the tiring champion.

It was a tough battle and had the crowd of 10,400 on its feet several times. Moran weighed 141, Montgomery 140.

More on this bout in our next issue. We are rushing this little item to make our edition.

Sorry, readers, but again I must leave out my MAIL BOX paragraph. And I repeat, I have no photos to send out, and I cannot answer your letters personally unless you enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope. My address, Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June Street, Hollywood 38, Calif.

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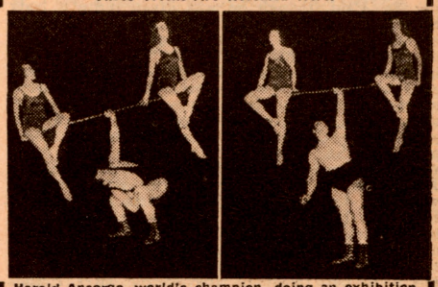

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BOXING has been quiet for the past month in the South Jersey area. The Atlantic City arena has been dark for a long time, and Camden, the largest club in South Jersey, also remained dark because Promoter Felix Bocchicchio could not put together the bouts he wanted. The popular Camden promoter, though a newcomer in the boxing field, has shown that he has an uncanny knack of putting together good matches. For example, he tried to make the Dorsey Lay and Freddy Dawson match for the Convention Hall, but Promoter Herman Taylor over Philly way clinched the match for his Arena. This match turned out to be a humdinger which is a tribute to Bocchicchio and his able assistant, Bart Guarino.

Camden notes: One of the "regulars" to grace the ringside at the Camden bouts is that popular local bantamweight star of the Carl Tremaine-Johnny Kilbane arena, Frankie Conway. Frankie though totally blind, can name the winner almost as accurately as most ringsiders. Battling Mack, another star of that time, is employed as a guard at the R.C.A. in Camden. Other old-timers from this locality and who can be seen at ringside at all shows are: Lew Skymer and Tommy Skymer. They are singing the praises of Jim Foster, Fort Dix heavyweight. Frankie Blair, local boy who made good in New York, corresponds regularly with Anthony Georgetti his old manager, from the Pacific war theatre.

Billy Fox, Philly middleweight knockout star, returns for a furlough and may take a bout or two during his leave. . . . Billy, a member of the Looks-Like-Joe Louis Club, scored 31 straight knockouts in pro ranks, won the Camp McClellan light-heavyweight championship, beating Aaron Perry in the final bout. . . . He is managed by Frank (Blinky) Palermo who also guides the destiny of Dorsey Lay, Archie Wilmer, Gus Dorazio, Bob Jacobs, Jimmy Gardner and Jiggs Donahue, all-star performers.

"Pep" Barone, the new Promoter in Allentown, Pa., will hold shows at the Fair Grounds during the open air season. . . . "Pep" will also promote in Phillipsburgh, N. J., during the summer.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By JACK KANE

HARTFORD AUDITORIUM—Rudy Richardson, 162, New York, won a 10-round decision from Charles "St. Paul" Nuttingly, 160, Springfield, at the Auditorium. Richardson was a little too clever for the rugged, body-punching St. Paul, though he was given quite a body beating, in the early rounds. He hit St. Paul with enough well-timed jabs and right hands to discourage him in his efforts. St. Paul quit trying in the late rounds, and in spite of the referee's card showing a 44-43 score, it was apparent to the crowd that Richardson had a more decisive edge. The bout did not come up to expectations and was a poor match for the inexperienced St. Paul, who makes a good fight, with opponents of equal boxing ability. Bobby Polowitzer, 129, East Hartford, won an easy six-round decision over Rudy Matero, 133, Puerto Rico, but Bobby was not very impressive because he was trying too hard, to get over a KO punch and missed many times. He had his opponent on the floor in the first round, with a left hook to the body but failed in any of the later rounds to equal this.

Don Anderson, 157, New York, won in six rounds, over Jimmy Taylor, 156, New York, in a hard fought battle. The third six, an extra bout to make up for the loss of a bout in last week's show, found Nick Stato, 134, Springfield, winning number 13 in a row. His opponent was Carlos De Jesus, 130,. Puerto Rico. This bout was strictly mediocre, neither principal showing any great ability. The hall was nearly cleared before the bout, which went on after the main bout was over.

The semi-pros as usual added strength to the card, and good consistent action. Red Flynn, 136, Southington, rallied in round three to win over Johnny Washington, 139, Hartford. Tommy Ashton, 148, Waterbury, decisioned Ray McArthur, 145, Middletown, in a good bout, which might have been called a draw. Ray Laurie, 148, Hartford, was lucky in gaining the referee's nod over Bobby Hicks, 153, Waterbury, in a very close bout. The crowd booed lustily at this decision. The best boy on the card, Ray Cashman, 128, Middletown comer, scored a clean KO win over Phil Ireland, 131, Hartford, in the third round of their bout. Cashman stabbed Ireland with beautiful left jabs for two rounds and dropped him for a nine count just before the bell in round two. The third round found Cashman out for the kill, and after setting Ireland up with jabs and right hands to the body, he dropped him out cold with a well executed one-two punch, to finish him off mid-way in round three.

The commission's new edict forcing fighters to produce Draft Cards, for identification purposes, brought about a change in name in the case of at least one fighter, since Rudy Matero has appeared in Hartford at least twice before, under the name of Al Rodriguez.

Hartford Auditorium—Johnny Cesario, 140, Hartford, won a close ten-round decision from Jimmy Anest, 142, New York, in the main event. Cesario's ability as a boxer and a very good left jab were the difference. He was forced to weather a heavy body attack and proved to all that he has plenty of the good old heart, so necessary to make the grade in the boxing game.

Nick Stato, 136, Springfield, won on a TKO over Dick Leon, 132, New York, in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Leon had the ability but not the strength, to handle Stato and the rugged Stato's body punching finally took its toll, forcing the referee to stop the bout. It was win number 14 in a row for Stato. The final pro bout showed Wendy Wilo, 150, New York, winning a six round decision from Kenny James, 147, Waterbury. Wilo, a light puncher, but good boxer, won all but the last round.

The card was topped off by three semi-pro bouts as follows: Lou Ottavi, 124, New Britain, decisioned Henry Polowitzer, 121, East Hartford, in three rounds. Augie Breton, 125, Hartford, boxed to a three round draw, with Carey Mace, 121, Hartford. Mace, a game youngster, had to come from behind with a driving finish in round three to gain the draw. Ray Cashman, 128, flashy Middletown boxer, won on a TKO in one minute of the first round over Harry Spector, 132, Manchester. Cashman had a little too much ability for Spector and referee Lou Bogash stopped the bout to save Spector from unnecessary harm. There were fifteen hundred people in attendance, a good house.

Hartford Auditorium—Charles "St. Paul" Nuttingly, 164, Holyoke, won a ten round decision over Johnny Brown, 156, New York. The bout, which had St. Paul a 9 to 5 betting favorite, caused rumors and grumbling of the old familiar, in the bag. The only one, however, who was in the bag, was Brown himself. It was his first bout in five months.

Brown was decisively beaten but it was his dull reflexes and need of competition which cost him the win and not St. Paul's ability. St. Paul's handlers would do well to keep their boy in the preliminaries, if they are really interested in his welfare and chances to make the grade.

The remaining pro bouts on the card as advertised, failed to show, due to illness, weight discrepancies, etc. The only pro bout except the feature, was a dull six-rounder, which ended in a draw. The fighters, Ray Puig, 139, New York, and Gary "Red Cap" Cooper, 143, Springfield, were what remained of the scheduled undercard. Puig, originally matched with Bobby Polowitzer, came in 13 pounds overweight. Cooper's listed opponent, Eddie O'Tash, had a crop of boils and a sub, Henry Davis, failed to pass the doctor's examination because of high blood pressure. That turned two bouts into one.

The semi-pros were good as usual and provided action all the way. Carey Mace, 120, Hartford, won by a KO in round two over Lloyd Itkin, 118, Holyoke. Angelo Coco, 145, Springfield, slugged his way to a three round decision over Kenny Trumbull, 143, Hartford. Ray Laurie, 148, Hartford, won by a TKO over Bobby Marsh, 150, Manchester, at the end of the first round. Augie Breton, 127, Hartford, punched his way to a close three round decision over the old reliable Henry Polowitzer, 125, East Hartford. 1,009 persons paid a gross gate of $1684.15.

Hartford Auditorium—George "Red" Doty, 150, Hartford, won from Freddy Graham, 155, Brooklyn, at 2:25 of the fifth round. Doty, in his element against the shopworn and light punching Graham, showed terrific punching power, but failed to get Graham off his feet and the referee finally stopped the bout when Graham was a helpless target for every punch Doty fired at his much battered features.

Nick Stato, 136, Springfield won by a clean K.O. over Bobby Matthews, 132, New York. The bout which ended in the fourth round was Stato's fifteenth consecutive win and was fairly close until Matthews leading with his right hand was beaten to the punch and took the full count. Bobby Polowitzer, 129, East Hartford, scored a decisive win over Joe Monte, 128, Springfield, in the companion six. The more experienced Monte was in there to stay and did that though he was floored for a six count in the third round.

The semi-pro bouts, five in number, featured hard punching and good boxing. Henry Polowitzer, 120, East Hartford, won by a K.O. in the first round over Lou Atkins, 118, Springfield. Ray Cashman, 128, Middletown, won a decision in three rounds from Red Flynn, 132, Southington. Joe Festa, 184, New Haven, won by a K.O. in the first round over Johnny Ludlow, 181, New Britain. This was a case of boy against man and is a condition to be guarded against in future heavyweight bouts.

Augie Breton, 128, Hartford, won a hard fought three-round decision over the youthful Carey Mace, 124, Hartford. Ray Laurie, 147, Hartford, won by a quick K.O. over Bobby McBride, 150, Springfield, in round one of the final semi-pro bout. Laurie is just a little too good for the boys around in his weight class. The show drew a crowd of 1393, paid a gross gate of $2296.35.

New Haven Arena—The first show at the Arena under the direction of Charley Brown and the first time there has been boxing at the club since last February, is now in the records. It took place with the offering of three ten-round co-features and a four-round opener. It is now history and more or less of a moral victory for Brown in the face of stern opposition from strong New York pressure, by those who did not forget his coup, in the Julie Kogon case.

The card itself, while not outstanding, was up to war-time standards. It had one feature in the top ten-round bout. In this bout, Berry Wright, 144, Cleveland winner over Jimmy Taylor, 150, New York, went eleven rounds instead of the scheduled ten. It happened due to an error in the referee's score card and the breakdown of the round clock. The second ten found Tony Brandino, 148, Hamilton, Ontario, winning the decision over the veteran Tom Collins, 151, New Haven, in a good bout.

The remaining bout of the ten-rounders ended in the second round, when Joie Angelo, 135, Philadelphia, won by a K.O. over Julio DeJesus, 133, Puerto Rico. The opening four was a decision win for Al Onofrio, 153, Waterbury, over his fellow townsman, Bobby Snow, at 154. It was Onofrio's first start as a professional.

A new outdoor club is getting ready to go in Connecticut under the hand of three veteran fight men—Jimmy Voccola, Bob Mele and Morris "Goldey" Goldfarb.

Any comments, information or possible managerial connections in this section can be handled through the writer. Any unsigned fighters, who can produce the goods are assured of a highly profitable season in this territory. Send clippings and other information to John Harold Kane, c/o the Sports editor, Middletown *Press*, Middletown, Conn., and you will receive the necessary answers.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

LAKESIDE A. C. of Webster, Mass., with Johnny Allen promoting and Jimmy De Forest as matchmaker, stages top shows every Wednesday to capacity houses.

Southbridge, Mass., with Stanley Jackson as matchmaker, has had some good shows, but bad weather has held down the attendance, the last two shows.

Valley Arena is drawing good gatherings every Monday night. Joe DeMaria is the matchmaker. I presume that most sport fans know this club is at Holyoke, Mass., one of the nicest and best run clubs in the business, promoted by Oreal Rainault.

Worcester, Mass., Fall River, Mass., and New Bedford, Mass., under the matchmaking of Sam Silverman, are all doing splendidly.

Boston, Mass., has two clubs with Eddie Mack and Jack O'Brien operating the Callahan A. C. and Rip Valenti, the Goodwin A. C.

Red Cap Cooper is boxing every week since joining the writer's stable, and is showing better, every time out. Joe Monteiro might change managers before long. He lost his last two fights.

Mike Delnero of Springfield, Mass., is showing improvement, he knocked out Rocky Kansas and Jimmy Riley in his last two fights.

Jack Cavanaugh of Holyoke, Mass., is a fine prospect, he has won six straight fights. Cavanaugh is an ex-serviceman and fights as a middleweight, with good matching he will do well.

Joe O'Brien, fight trainer of Springfield, is a busy man these days. He has a bunch of young boys working out every night at the Paramount Gym. O'Brien is trying to make another Beau Jack.

St. Paul keeps busy in Hartford, Ct., where Gus Brown does the matchmaking. Charlie Brown is the matchmaker in New Haven, Ct. These Browns are not related, but both are good matchmakers as they both have had many years experience.

Al Caroly will be back by the time this goes to press and will be matchmaker of the Springfield Sports Club, with George Sheppard, co-matchmaker. George and Al Broden are the promoters.

The outdoor club in Holyoke, Mass., will get going soon with Red Kinsella as matchmaker.

George Kelliher, sports reporter for the *Daily News* of Springfield, Mass., is back on the job after spending over a year in the Navy. Dutch Robbins handles the sport news for the *Evening Union*, and Harold Heinz takes care of the reporting of sports for the Springfield *Union*.

Chick West, former New England welterweight champion, has organized a Benefit Association for Boxers and Wrestlers, and with his brother they are working very hard to put it across. The organization is to help those of the boxing and wrestling game who have been injured while partaking in these sports.

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Hitting the Spotlight

(Continued from page 19)

iron-jawed, rock-fisted ring gladiator. His right is lightning fast and carries terrific impact. He has an odd but highly effective way of leaping forward with a jab, thus adding extra power to the blow and making it difficult to avoid. Perk is amazingly fast for a big man.

This pleasant Negro heavyweight has been plugging along the fistic trail for about seven years and getting nowhere, until Chris Dundee took him under his management several months ago. There is hardly a doubt but that Perk will perk up and make rapid strides to the top of his division.

Born Percy Daniels, in Leesburg, Ga., on October 18, 1919, he is one of twelve children. In Chicago, where his family moved in 1928, young Daniels attended high school for two terms. "I just couldn't put my mind on studying, that's all," frankly admitted the smiling Negro. "What I wanted most was to play professional football—which I did, for three years."

Odd as it may seem, it was his father who inspired him to become a boxer.

"First my Dad picked my brother, Joe, to achieve glory and earn money in the ring," related Daniels. "Joe was doing fairly well in the amateurs till he broke his right hand. That put him on the shelf for keeps—and Dad promptly put me in. I had no more than a faint knowledge of fisticuffs, having sparred with Joe in the back-yard about a half-dozen times.

"It was in 1937. I entered a Golden Gloves novice heavyweight tournament, won seven contests and lost in the finals."

Directly after that, at the age of 20, Percy Daniels became Perk Daniels, professional fighter. He had eight bouts in 1938, losing one of them to Lem Franklin. "I also got married that year," grinned Perk, "which is about the best thing I ever did. Even winning the heavyweight title, which I hope to do, couldn't beat it. I have a swell wife and three fine kids."

Perk had no fistic action the following year. He worked as a sort of guard, or "policeman" at the New Langly theater in Chicago.

Daniels has been fighting on and off since 1940.

"Perk has taken part in only 35 fights," points out quick-witted Chris Dundee, "and so, you see, he's fresh and as full of energy as a twenty-year-old. I've seen him in a number of tough fights before I took him under my wing. He's rugged and game, knows how to box and can mix it with the best of them. I saw him outbox the clever Clent Conway, and last year I saw him trounce Turkey Thompson in Los Angeles."

Daniels admits losing a ten-round bout to the knockout artist, Elmer Ray, but explains that a fractured hand kept him from doing his best. What he wants now is a chance to even the score with Mr. Ray.

He is employed at the Cinco Drydock.

World-famous trainer, Izzy Klein, who trained Dundee's fighter, Ken Overlin, into winning the middleweight title several years ago, sent Perk Daniels to Chris.

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AUGIE LAPARA

AUGIE LAPARA, flashy New Orleans featherweight, will campaign in the North under the management of George Winn. Augie considers himself lucky to get George to handle him as the New York fight manager is one of the best in the business.

Winn, well known New York manager, has never handled a losing fighter. He thinks highly of Lapara's punching and pleasing boxing style and thinks Augie will go far.

The New Orleans featherweight is a product of the Southern amateur ranks and bids fair to become as popular as his fellow townsman, Tony Canzoneri.

Boxing professionally only one year, Augie made such rapid strides that the hard punching Southerner has already appeared in three main bouts in New Orleans. With only one defeat against him since turning pro, Lapara and his manager, Whitey Esneault, feel sure he is ready for the big time.

Entering into a contract with George Winn, Esneault, the New Orleans manager of seven of the South's best fighters, has placed the destinies of his boys in the hands of the popular New Yorker.

Lapara, with two middleweights, Louis Rousse and Eddie Gettys, will be the first contingent to arrive this month. Bernard Docusen, Filipino sensation, will follow after completing dates already contracted.

Augie, a good looking youngster, matches his personality with a pleasing style of fighting. Always dangerous with either hand, the baby-faced kid boxes smoothly until an opening presents itself—when it lands the show is over. Confident, but unassuming Lapara should become one of the fighters of the year, because right now he is one of the best prospects of the year.

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JOE BLACKWOOD

PATERSON, N. J., has another outstanding prospect in Joe Blackwood, young middleweight puncher. Joe, who was born September 9, 1925, in Lumberton, N. C., has won 12 out of 13 fights. He has scored knockouts over 7 of his opponents, Buddy Johnson, Ernest Bramwell, Walter Cunningham, Al Finerzo, Sam Carter and Davey Williams, twice.

Joe has outpointed the veteran Jimmy Taylor of Long Island, also Jimmy Taylor of New York, three times. He has become a big favorite with Jersey City fans, where he won 7 in a row before losing to the more experienced Jimmy Palmer.

Before turning pro, Joe competed successfully in the Paterson Diamond Gloves tournament.

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TONY MAR

TONY Mar is a Chinese lightweight from Hermosillo, Mexico, and is one of the very best lightweights ever developed in that country. Tony is 25 years old, has beaten Juan Zurita, Rodolfo Ramirez, the lightweight champion of Mexico, also Spoldi, Joe Conde and a lot of other good boys. He is like a machine, an excellent boxer and a sharp, accurate hitter.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

JOE TURNER'S show for March 26th was featured with a quartet of eight-round bouts that could headline any club card. It would be hard to pick a top bout, so we'll just run through them in the order of their appearance.

No. 1 bout pitted Tommy Mollis, 146½, the Baltimore vet, against youthful Sammy Daniels, 142½, Baltimore. It was an even-stephen contest until the third when Sammy clipped "Ole Tom" with a right to the chin. Time of the kayo was 1:52.

Billy Banks, 135½, Washington, and Billy Morris, 134½, Washington, hooked up in the second encounter. It was Banks' first start in the District of Columbia since making his return to ring warfare. Banks copped the duke only after eight rounds of battling in a good contest. The third eight-rounder saw Frank Sweeney, 162, Washington, extended for the first time in his pro career to win over Okie Greer, 171, Baltimore. Previously, Sweeney had won his first ten bouts via the kayo route. Greer, as usual, provided good experience for the youthful Frankie, catching many of Sweeney's kayo blows on his gloves and shoulders. Only once did Frank land his kayo punch on Okie, and that was during the seventh, but the experienced Greer hung on to weather the storm.

The final eight saw Joe Gannon, 152, the Washington boxing master, in a win over Jerome Pratt, 154, Baltimore. Joe was his usual self in jabbing and dancing to a win over Pratt. The entire card was an excellent one with a near-capacity house.

In another card at Turner's, Bee Bee Washington fought Georgie Williams of Baltimore. He is a Washington middle who came in at 161 to Georgie's 154, boxed and punched his way to victory in ten rounds. It was a good fight as well as a close one, but Bee Bee won the unanimous verdict.

In the eight-round semi-windup, Frank Sweeney annexed victory No. 12 by beating Nick Manfredo, Baltimore. Sweeney scaled 161 to Nick's 169. Sweeney looked good against the unorthodox Nick. Each was floored.

In a six, Billy Terry, 137½, Washington, beat Norval Gaddis, 144½, Washington, in a fast bout. Terry shows promise.

In another bout, Jimmy Bell, 186½, Washington, kayoed Claudio Villar, 203, Washington, in 2:52 of the second, after Villar had hit the deck three times. My advice to Villar would be to hang them up as he looked pitiful against the youthful Bell.

The opening four saw Don Ellis, 155½, Washington, in a win over Flattop Cummings, 148, Washington. A very good show with a capacity house.

IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER

By HARRY MANSBACH

AUSTIN JOHNSON, 182, Atlantic City, outpointed Henry Jones, 209, N. Y., in the main eight-round bout at Masonic Hall, Highland Park. Tommy Mills, 134, Valley Stream, N. Y., took the referee's nod over Tommy Sloan, 141, Washington, in a semi-final six-round bout. Bo Harris, 139, N. Y., scored a technical knockout over Herbert Solomon, 132, N. Y., in the third round of a scheduled six.

Madame Bey's training camp at Chatham Township, N. J., is under new management. It is now managed by Ehsan Kradag. Its founder was the ex-lightweight champion Freddie Welsh.

Joe Curcio, 147½, Newark, defeated Freddie Archer, 145½, Newark, (10). Freddie Russo, 129½, Rahway, decisioned Clint Miller, 126, Elizabeth, (8). "Cotton" King, 136, West Palm Beach, beat Al Mobley, 142, Newark, (6), at the Elizabeth Armory. Southpaw Curcio surprised with his sterling performance against the experienced Archer. It was a close fight throughout, with Referee Paul Cavalier scoring it in favor of Curcio, 5-3-2 even. The house grossed $14,000. George Kobb, in co-operation with the Newark *Star-Ledger*, conducted the show for the benefit of Infantile Paralysis.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses and locations. Send twenty-five cents in coin or stamps and self-addressed stamped envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington Street, Newark 2, N. J. Boxers who want to show around Jersey and metropolitan New York and have no managerial ties, can contact same. Enclose previous records, amateur and professional and pictures and clippings.

Lulu Costantino, 134, New York, decisioned Georgie Cooper, 129, Baltimore, (10); Gene Roberts, 152, N. Y., beat Mansfield Driscoll, 150, Detroit, (6); John Hitt, 141, Brooklyn, kayoed Howard Gordon, 135, Jamaica, (1); Bunky Wall, 171, Morristown, was kayoed by Bob Dance, 166, Daytona, (3), in the Laurel Garden bouts at Newark. Referee Joe Mangold tabbed it 5 to 2 and 3 even.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

AS the indoor boxing season rapidly draws to a close, it is interesting to glance back over the fistic developments of the year and to determine the current trends in fisticuffs. Despite the fact that most world champions are still in the armed forces and most of the other so-called "name" fighters of a few years ago are still in uniform, boxing interest is at high pitch. The enthusiasm of boxing spectators seems greater now than in pre-war days, indicating that the sport will be in the forefront of the boom which is anticipated for all sports after the Japs are conquered. Not only has Madison Square Garden, the world's outstanding arena for boxing, profited by the increased rush of fans to the box office, but so, too, have most of the neighborhood clubs in the Metropolitan area.

The Broadway Arena of Brooklyn enjoyed one of the best years in the club's history, marked by one sell-out after another. The Ridgewood Grove, where Moe Fleischer operated as matchmaker for the first time, was particularly successful. At the St. Nicholas Arena, Mike Jacobs often ran two shows a week, did surprisingly well, and developed many good attractions for his Garden fights. The Westchester County Center in White Plains had its biggest year to date, and the various clubs in New Jersey all capitalized handsomely on the great interest in boxing.

Noteworthy among the year's developments was the change in New York's boxing scoring system, put into effect by Col. Edward P. F. Eagan, who was appointed to the State Athletic Commission shortly after the start of 1945 and was immediately elected chairman. At the annual dinner of the New York Boxing Writers' Association last January, Col. Eagan indicated that he was somewhat dissatisfied with the scoring system in effect in New York and would make a study looking toward a possible revision. Conferences with boxing writers and members of the commission's staff of referees and judges were followed by a decision on Col. Eagan's part to try a point-score system in conjunction with the round-by-round system which had been the method employed.

Col. Eagan seemed interested in avoiding draw verdicts and instructed his officials to award points (up to 4) to the contestants after each round. Thus, if the fight ended with both boxers having the same number of rounds the officials were to vote for the one with the greater number of points. Under this system, too, a fighter winning a few number of rounds could win the fight by compiling a greater point score.

It seems too early to judge the advantages or disadvantages of Col. Eagan's innovation, but it should work effectively once the officials have had some experience in applying it. The important thing to remember, and this is a matter constantly stressed by Col. Eagan, is that the point scoring does not replace the round-by-round. It merely supplements it.

It may be that when he is in office somewhat longer, Col. Eagan will install other new practices in the running of fights in New York State. Thus far, the consensus of boxing men is that he has handled his new assignment capably, in cooperation with his fellow commissioners, Gen. John J. Phelan and Dr. Clilan B. Powell.

As for other developments in boxing during the past year, also noteworthy, is the fact that, of the 13 Garden shows staged between January 1 and the opening of the Ringling Brothers Circus early in April, not once did the gate receipts fall below $40,000. One show, that between Tami Mauriello and Lee Oma on March 23, attracted $101,918 through the turnstiles. Two bouts, those between Ray Robinson and Jacob LaMotta, and Bobby Ruffin and Johnny Greco, drew in excess of $90,000 each.

The season was marked by the rise of many capable youngsters. Outstanding among these were Tony Janiro, Youngstown, Ohio, lightweight; Freddie Schott, Akron, Ohio, heavyweight. Many other youngsters who were fair preliminary boxers at the start of the season are now leading attractions. Among these are Danny Bartfield, East Side lightweight; Harold Green, Brooklyn welterweight; Lee Oma, Detroit heavyweight; Rocky Graziano, New York welterweight. There are more, of course, but these are just a few that spring to mind.

All signs point to a prosperous summer season. There is apparently enough talent available to keep all clubs well supplied with star fighters. And there is enough talent around to enable matchmakers to make up good preliminary programs. From a financial viewpoint the summer season should be eminently satisfactory, that is, so long as the various promoters continue to keep their shows on as high a level as possible.

RING AROUND THE RESIN—The so-called smaller clubs in the Metropolitan area held the fistic spotlight during the seven weeks that the Ringling Brothers Circus occupied Madison Square Garden . . . and all of them did very well financially. . . . One show, headed by Tony Janiro and Humberto Zavala, drew one of the biggest gates ever taken in at the St. Nicholas Arena, just short of $15,000. . . . The Ridgewood Grove, where Moe Fleischer continues to do an excellent job of matchmaking; the Westchester County Center in White Plains, the Broadway Arena, and other clubs in the New York area, all are finishing up the indoor season in grand style. . . . And it looks as though the summer season will also see plenty of fistic activity around New York. . . . The Bronx will see a new club in operation. . . . It is known as Sterling Oval and has Jimmy White and Willie (Ketchum) Friedland as promoters with George Kobb as matchmaker. . . . Sterling Oval will seat about 5,000 and will be the first outdoor club to function in the Bronx since the start of the war. . . . The MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn is also getting ready to reopen its doors, with Lou Schiro and Jack Blumen as promoters and Al Torre, formerly of Fort Hamilton, as matchmaker.

Moe Fleischer moves from the Ridgewood Grove to the Queensboro Arena where he succeeds Joe McKenna as matchmaker. . . . The latter is planning to run outdoor boxing in White Plains. . . . There may also be summer boxing at Starlight Park in the Bronx where Phil Rosen and Ben Berman may operate. . . . Chris Dundee is enthusiastic about a new youngster in his stable, a promising East Side lad named Leo Melito, lightweight. . . . Dundee has also purchased a half interest in Sammy Parrotto, Pittsburgh lightweight, handling Parrotto's activities in partnership with Mike Foglia. . . . Sol Gold, veteran New York fight figure, has taken over the management of Harold Green, crack Brooklyn welterweight. . . . When Dom Amoroso was batted by Jorge Morelia, a cut eye did the trick. The referee halted the bout. Dom was not flattened.

Marvin Bryant, 163½, of Dallas, Texas, won the decision over Coolidge Miller, 162, of Brooklyn, in the feature eight round contest at the Broadway Arena. Bryant waged a crafty, counter style of battling to outpunch the hard hitting Miller in most of the rounds. Miller scored with some terrific right hand uppercuts in close to make the bout an interesting affair throughout.

Judge Harold Barnes voted 6 for Bryant, 2 for Miller. Judge Marty Monroe ruled Bryant, 5, Miller, 3. Referee Harry Ebbetts scored it as 6 for Bryant, 1 for Miller and 1 even.

Pete Martin, 142, the Bronx, came from behind to slam out a win over Sid Haber, 143, of Brooklyn, in an interesting six round affair. Frank Hardeman (better known as Baby Beau) proved too elusive for Jimmy Cogman, 139, Newark Negro, and romped off with the decision at the end of six rounds. Oscar Goode, 177½, Newark, punched too accurately for Billy Johnson, 170, Wilmington, N. C., winning by a knockout in 2:18 of the third round.

In four round bouts, Vince Gigante, 172½, Greenwich Village, licked Freddie Lott, 167½, Newark, while Steve Bilko, 141½, Sayreville, N. J., had too much on the ball for Johnny Hitt, 144, Coney Island Negro, winning by a knockout in 1:21 of round three.

Vic Costa, 140½, of the Bronx, won a split decision over Clarence (Cotton) King, 133½, of West Palm Beach, in the feature eight round bout at the Westchester County Center. King was down for nine in the first round but rallied to take the last two rounds by a wide margin, only to be declared the loser by the narrowest of margins.

Tommy Gargano, 148, made a sensational rally in the last round to win over Johnny Rinaldi, 144, Bronx veteran, in a fast six round bout. Baudelio Valencia, 159, Mexico, knocked out Eric Best, 156½, in 1:49 of the second round. Benny Saladino, 131, Brooklyn, slammed out a win over Earl Mintz, 127½, in another six round bout. In four rounders, Jay Anderson, 151¼, Far Rockaway, defeated Lou Spurdis, 146½, and Rocco Lescio, 141, knocked out Ellis Simley, 138, in 35 seconds of the second round.

Joey Peralta, 141, Tamaqua, Pa., Mexican, stepped in as a last minute substitute and whaled the daylights out of Al Guido, 135¼, of Harlem, in the feature eight round attraction at the St. Nicholas Arena. Peralta was a pinch hitter for Freddie Russo, who had an ulcerated tooth. Russo himself was a relief man for Frankie Rubino, who injured his mitt in gym sparring. To make it simple, Guido was the victim of a triple play, Rubino to Russo to Peralta. The Mexican packed too much ring savvy and featured an accurate left hand which he used in both jab and hook fashion. Guido made a few spirited rallies midway in the contest, but the wily Peralta never let Guido get too rambunctious.

Referee Young Otto voted 6 to 2 for Peralta. Judge Joe Schechter ruled 5-2-1, while Judge Gus Galli said 4-3-1. All favored Peralta and the decision was unanimous. The attendance was marked up at 2,587 and the money figures ran to $4,174.13.

Gene Roberts, 156, a newcomer from Brooklyn, punched out a win over the durable Freddie Graham, 156, Harlem, in a good six round bout. Eddie Compo, 126, Montreal, won a fast bout from Rocco Progano, 130, Stamford, Conn., in six rounds. Billy Carroll, 128, Montreal, licked Manuel Torres, 134, Puerto Rico, in another sixer. In fours, Carl Olson, 133, New Haven, stopped Marcus McCrea, 136, in 36 seconds of the first round, while Jimmy Saunders, 131, the Bronx, licked Ray Puig, 135, in the opener.

There was a grand home-coming for a lot of New York managers as Connie McCarthy returned from Mexico City where his Trenton, N. J., lightweight, Ike Williams, won the National Boxing Association title by knocking out Juan Zurita in two rounds; as Al Weill came back from a successful tour with his Chilean heavyweight, Arturo Godoy; as Willie Ketchum Friedland returned from New Orleans where his Newark welterweight, Freddie Archer, scored an impressive victory over Sgt. Tommy Roman; as Bobby Gleason came back from Detroit where his former featherweight champion, Phil Terranova, registered a pair of victories, one over LeRoy Willis, the other over Phil Shapiro; as Jimmy Johnston returned from Baltimore where Archie Moore, his veteran light-heavyweight, halted Nate Bolden.

Charley Johnston has three Mexican fighters campaigning in New York rings. . . . They are Neva Esparza, a lightweight who has shown to good advantage; Victor Flores, featherweight; Jorge Morelia, lightweight. . . . Other Mexican fighters competing in New York rings recently are Humberto Zavala, flashy lightweight; Baudelio Valencia, welterweight; Roberto Ramirez, heavyweight. . . . Danny Kapilow, Bronx welterweight, recently discharged from the Coast Guard, has resumed his ring career with Al Weill booking him. . . . Kapilow's last major start saw him winning in ten rounds from Sheik Rangel at Madison Square Garden last November.

Considerable excitement was caused not only in New York but around the country generally by the rumor that Jack Dempsey, now a commander in the Coast Guard, had been killed during the invasion of Okinawa by the U.S. troops. . . . It is true that Dempsey was in the Okinawa invasion. . . . The rumor of his death was said to have been started by the fact that a sign appeared in his New York restaurant, the night of President Roosevelt's passing, which read: "Closed out of respect to the passing of our beloved president". . . . The words "Jack Dempsey" appeared on the bottom of the sign and it gave some people the impression that it was Dempsey who had died.

The report from Boston that Henry Chemel had retired from the ring recalled two bouts which he had had at Madison Square Garden some five years ago when he was still campaigning under the rather unwieldy name of Chmielewski. . . . In his first New York start he turned in a grand performance to defeat Augie Arellano; but his other Garden start was disastrous to him, resulting in a one-round knockout at the hands of Ernie Vigh. . . . After Billy Grant, Orange, N. J., heavyweight, had lost a

decision to John Thomas, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at the St. Nick, it was revealed that on the afternoon of the fight Grant's 18-month-old daughter had been rushed to a hospital where she had to have a blood transfusion. . . . Grant himself supplied the blood.

The boxing world was grieved by word that Lt. Col. John J. Phelan, Jr., son of the New York State Athletic Commissioner and former chairman, had been killed in action in Italy. . . . Young Phelan had been a frequent spectator at Madison Square Garden boxing matches before the war. . . . Joey LaMotta, younger brother of Jacob, pulled a good stunt when he knocked out Dave Carter in two rounds at Boston and 24 hours later knocked out Lee Black in three rounds at the Ridgewood Grove Club in Brooklyn. . . . One Westchester County Center boxing show had to be skipped because the premises were occupied by an antique show. . . . When Al Davis boxed Eddie Saunders at the Broadway Arena he completely sold out the club, marking the twelfth consecutive time Davis had done that trick at the Brooklyn club. . . . Johnny Rinaldi, the Bronx boxer who fought many of the top-notchers about seven or eight years ago, has been displaying good form on his current comeback. . . . Rinaldi formerly competed as a lightweight but now boxes as a welter.

Two youngsters who boxed successfully in the Golden Gloves as representatives of the C.Y.O., have joined the Tex Sullivan stable of fighters. . . . They are Eddie Murphy, a lightweight, and Roland LaStarza, light-heavyweight, a brother of Jerry LaStarza. . . . Jimmy Johnston has mailed out hundreds of announcements to the effect that his fighter, Archie Moore, is "the world light-heavyweight champion." . . . He points out that Moore once knocked out Ronnie Richards, Australian light-heavyweight titleholder. . . . Richards had previously beaten Gus Lesnivich, current 175-pound division champion who is now in the Navy. . . . That, says Johnston, makes Moore champion. . . . Well, no one but Johnston thinks so though everyone concedes Moore is certainly one of the cleverest boxers in the business. . . . He has scored many excellent victories since coming under Johnston's management several months ago.

In a bruising ten-round contest at the St. Nicholas Arena, Vic Dellicurti seemed on the way to turning in one of the major fistic upsets of the season against Jacob LaMotta, high-ranking Bronx middleweight. For six rounds he gave more than he received, surprised even his most loyal rooters by the manner in which he rolled inside and under LaMotta's short-arm drives and ripped home snappy hooks and crosses. LaMotta appeared to find it hard to get going, kept missing repeatedly. But he did manage to land a number of solid whacks to Dellicurti's midsection and these began to take their toll.

Much of the steam seemed to go out of Dellicurti's punches and his legs went slightly wobbly in the later rounds. It was then that LaMotta unloosed his most potent wallops and belabored Dellicurti with solid smashes to the head and zipping blows to the body.

In the seventh, eighth, and ninth rounds Dellicurti took a real beating. But he never quit trying and in the tenth stanza Vic made a do-or-die stand, clipping LaMotta with a mighty one-two on the chin which stopped Jake in his tracks. But it was too late to do Dellicurti much good. LaMotta had piled up a substantial margin of points and won the unanimous verdict of the officials.

Referee Eddie Joseph had it eight and two for LaMotta. The two judges, Frank Forbes and Izzy Cohen each tallied the fight six to three, with one even. The scoring of the judges was the same as was your reporter's. An interesting incident occurred in the third round when LaMotta—who had boxed as a southpaw very early in his career and then had switched to the orthodox stance—suddenly reverted to the southpaw style for part of the third and fourth rounds. But he went back to his regular stance in the fifth and switched no more. LaMotta had a weight advantage over Dellicurti, scaling 163 to 158½ for his Harlem opponent. The gate fell just short of $11,000, with 3,781 spectators looking on.

LaMotta's younger brother, Joe, showed to excellent advantage in one of the scheduled six-round preliminaries. Joe, weighing 153½, registered his eleventh consecutive victory by knocking out Fernand Demers in 2:42 of the first round. Young LaMotta has a style fashioned on his brother's, bores in constantly, pounds away at the body. New York boxing men believe he will go far. In one of the other prelims, an eight-rounder, Neva Esparza, newcomer from Mexico, again turned in a pleasing performance, halting Johnny (Bo) Harris, of New York's East Side, in 2:44 of the fourth round. Esparza had Harris down twice in the third round and again in the fourth and although Harris fought back valiantly the referee had to stop the contest. Esparza weighed 141½, Harris 139. Tony Pellone, 142½, took the decision from Sammy Mammone, 140½, in a six. In the four-rounders, Clarence Wilkinson, 159½, showed too much for Vic Chambers, 160¾, and won decisively; Leo Melito, 134½, punched out a close win over Nick Primiani, 134½, in the curtain-raiser.

Baby-faced Tony Janiro, of Youngstown, Ohio, registered his 37th victory in 38 starts as a professional by defeating Sammy Parrotto, of Pittsburgh, in an eight-round main event at the St. Nicholas Arena. Janiro's margin of victory was overwhelming. One of the judges, Arthur Schwartz, gave Janiro all eight rounds, as did your RING reporter. The other judge, Bill Healy, gave Janiro seven rounds and Parrotto one. Referee Arthur Donovan had it six for Janiro, one for Parrotto, one even. It wasn't a pretty exhibition which Parrotto gave the near-capacity crowd of 3,699 which paid $10,802 to see the fight. Parrotto proved a tremendous disappointment and seemed interested only in lasting the full distance.

Janiro did his utmost to fight himself free of the octopus-like tactics of the Pittsburgher. But Parrotto spent almost all his time clinging to his opponent, despite the warnings of the referee that he show more action. The fans, naturally, did not take kindly to a fighter who apparently cared about nothing except being on his feet at the final bell. In the latter stages of the contest, Janiro managed to nail Parrotto with uppercuts, left hooks, and right crosses and gave him a sound thrashing. But in between punches, Parrotto clutched and held and then clutched some more. Janiro weighed 141½, Parrotto, 136½. After the fight, Frankie Jacobs, Janiro's manager, was loud in his protests of what he claimed were foul tactics on the part of Parrotto. Jacobs kept shouting from Janiro's corner throughout the contest urging Referee Donovan to caution Parrotto to "Watch that thumb." Janiro came out of the bout with a bruised left eye that had to be treated by a doctor.

The preliminaries offered a lively set of bouts topped by a scheduled eight-rounder between Sidney Miller, 156½, Detroit, and Bill Campy, 156½, Bronx, which was won by Miller when Campy had to stop at the end of the sixth round because of a badly lacerated left eye. A six-round match between Billy Cooper, 166, Cleveland, and David Carver, 164, Bronx, went to Cooper on a decision. Carl Stein, 138, Bronx, outpointed Joe Vannelli, 139½, Montreal, in a four. Joey Karkido, 131¼, Youngstown, Ohio, knocked down Marcus McCray, 136, New York, twice in the first round, was himself floored in the second, then stopped McCray in 1:41 of the third in another scheduled four. Leo Melito, 131½, East Side, defeated Earl Mintz, 129, Jersey City, in a bout that was cut to three rounds in order for the fans to hear a special broadcast from Paris by Bill Corum, *Journal-American* columnist and radio sportscaster.

Pat Scanlan, 139½, pleasing Irish youngster from Brooklyn, outpointed Jimmy Pell, 141, of Greenwich Village, in the feature eight-round attraction at the Ridgewood Grove. The highlight of the evening, however, was the three-round knockout victory scored by Joey LaMotta, 151½, younger brother of Jack, over Lee Black, 155, in what was scheduled as a six-rounder. It marked the second kayo triumph for the younger LaMotta in two nights. Twenty-four hours before he belted out Dave Carver in two heats at Boston. In other bouts, Sid Haber, East Side, 142½, defeated Pete Martin, Bronx, 148, in six rounds; Jackie Connelly, Long Island, 132¼, defeated Georgie Knox, Newark, 127, in another six. Scheduled four-rounders saw Ted Gordon, Bronx, 176, winning by a three-round kayo over Steve Kish, Passaic, N. J., 171, and Tony DeRosa, New York, 150¾, outpointing Harry Durden, Brooklyn, 154.

Preparing for his Garden meeting with Rocky Graziano, Al Davis, Brownsville welterweight, had a real tough time against Eddie Saunders, Harlem, in a feature eight at the Broadway Arena. In the fourth round Davis suffered a cut over the left eye which at first seemed dangerous. But Al managed to protect the eye in the fifth and, for the remaining three rounds, Saunders seemed too tired to do any more damage. But throughout a great part of the contest Saunders weathered the best left hooks Davis could throw, in fact, fought back so hard that, on a few occasions, he jolted Davis. But Al came through with the decision by a handy margin. He weighed 146½, giving away ten pounds to Saunders. A capacity crowd paid close to $6,000 to see the show.

Making his first start in two years, Frankie Cavanna, 152, East Side, decisively defeated Ernest Barnwell, 160, Brooklyn, in a six-rounder. Cavanna scored knockdowns in the first, fifth, and sixth sessions. Monty Klein, 152, West Side, defeated Jim Kennedy, 160, Washington Heights, in another six. Following the main event, Johnny Harris, 140½, East Side, outpointed Jim Mason, 135, New Brunswick, N. J. A viciously-fought four-round affray between Lou Velles, 153½, East Side, and Jay Anderson, 150, Brooklyn, was won by Velles. The curtain-raiser of four rounds ended in a knockout victory for Steve Bilko, 140½, Sayreville, N. J., over Patty Butler, 136½, Brooklyn. The finish came in 54 seconds of the second round.

Billy Graham, 139, East Side, squeezed through to a point victory over Johnny Williams, 141, Montgomery, Ala., in an eight-round feature at the Ridgewood Grove. The bout marked Graham's 55th as a professional without a defeat. More than 2,000 fans saw the hotly waged contest. The semi-final eight was also a close one with Tommy Mills, 141, Valley Stream, L. I., coming from behind to annex an upset decision over Vic Pignataro, 140¼, Bronx.

Two six-round contests saw Felix Ramirez, 131¼, Puerto Rico, winning a decision from Frank Franconeri, 133, Bayonne, N. J.; and Clarence (Cotton) King, 136, West Palm Beach, Fla., defeating Herbie Solomon, 133½, Harlem. Vinnie Melito, 133, Jamaica, L. I., knocked out Marcus McCray, 133, Harlem, in 2:23 of the first round of a scheduled four; and Tommy Marra, 145¾, White Plains, stopped Georgie Bass, 142, Brooklyn, in 1:45 of the second round in another scheduled four.

High was the praise of New York boxing men for Artie Levine after the Brooklyn middleweight had scored over Joe Bennett, of the Bronx, in a feature eight-round event at the Broadway Arena. A turnaway crowd (there have been many of them at the Broadway Arena this year) saw Levine come back after a fourth-round knockdown to win a unanimous decision. Scaling 157¾ to 151½ for Bennett, Levine was suddenly stretched on the canvas via a left hook in the fourth round, just before the bell. Levine had to be carried to his corner where Charley Goldman did a marvelous job of bringing Artie around to answer the bell for the fifth round. From that point on he continued to pile up enough points to win.

Referee Ruby Goldstein and one of the judges, Abe Goldberg, each had the fight scored five rounds to three in favor of Levine. The other judge, Jack Goodman, had it more one-sided, seven to one for Levine. The gate receipts were $5,500.

In the prelims, Tony Del Gatto, 157, Brooklyn, knocked out Baudelio Valencia, 157, Mexico City, in 1:56 of the third; Jim Kennedy, 147, New York, outpointed Stanley Miller, 145½, Ozone Park, L. I.; Nick Primiani, 136½, Montreal, defeated George Johnson, 135½, Harlem; and Clarence Wilkinson, 158½, Bronx, left-handed his way to a victory over Lew Perez, 158½, Puerto Rico. All these were six-rounders. The opening four saw Lou Valles, 153½, East Side, winning by a kayo over Eric Best, 156½, Brooklyn, in 2:36 of round two.

Aided by two knockdowns in the second round, Vincent LaSalva, 146, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., gained a unanimous decision over Joey Manfro, 142¾, Bronx, in the feature eight-round attraction at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. But it was a bitterly fought contest all the way and LaSalva had to keep moving at top speed to win.

Continuing his comeback campaign, Johnny Rinaldi, 143½, Bronx, knocked out Jimmy Cognan, 138½, Newark, in 2:24 of the second round of a sixer. In other sixers, Lou Prince, 132, outpointed Felix Ramirez, 132¾; Carl Olson, 130½, drew with Jimmy Saunders, 130. In four-rounders, Julie Cross, 155½, halted Frank Marino, 154, in 1:54 of the first round, and Jimmy Rizzo, 135, defeated Earl Mintz, 133. A near-capacity crowd which paid $4,600 saw the show.

Resuming his boxing career after a layoff of more than a year, Allie Stolz, Newark lightweight, set a surprisingly fast pace to defeat Mario Colon of Puerto Rico, in an eight-round main event at the Ridgewood Grove Club. Despite his many months away from the ring, Stolz displayed much of his one-time classy form, belabored Colon with punishing body punches and sharp lefts and rights to the head. Colon stood up valiantly under Stolz's clever attack and fought back as well as he could. But Allie held the upper hand throughout and came through with a unanimous decision. Some 2500 spectators saw the show. Stolz weighed 134 to Colon's 132.

The semi-final of six rounds between Donald (Midget) Mayo, 127, Philadelphia, and Stanley Tischler, 130, Bronx, was won by Mayo on a decision. Artie DiPietro, 141, East Side, halted Mel Danbroder, 147, Abington, Mass., at the end of the fifth round of another scheduled six. In three scheduled four-rounders, Tommy Marra, 146½, Jamaica, knocked out Jackie Moore, 149, Newark, in 1:13 of the first round; Jay Anderson, 153, Brooklyn, halted Julie Cross, 148, Brooklyn, in 1:24 of the fourth; Ray Puig, 135½, Brooklyn, outpointed Vinnie Melito, 134, Jamaica.

Entering the ring as a substitute for Joe Bennett, Freddie Flores, 166, Jamaica, L. I., fought a game battle against Jerry Fiorello, 158¾, Brooklyn, in a feature eight-rounder at the Broadway Arena. But despite his advantage in weight, Flores did not have enough stuff to overcome the offensive tactics of his more experienced foe, with the result that Fiorello annexed a clear-cut and unanimous decision. It must be said for Flores, however, that he fought surprisingly well in view of the fact that he had but recently shed his Army uniform, had not boxed in several months and had accepted the match as a substitute.

The near-capacity crowd did not take kindly to the verdict which went to Joe Gatto, 131, Brooklyn, in his semi-final eight with Al Pennino, 128, Brooklyn. Apparently the fans thought Pennino entitled to at least a draw. Tony Del Gatto, 157½, Brooklyn, had a comparatively easy time against Harry Durden, 153½, Brooklyn, the referee halting the contest after 2:18 of the fourth. Coming back after being partially knocked through the ropes, Patty Butler, 138¼, Brook-

lyn, knocked out Johnny Hitt, 143, Coney Island, in 2:31 of the first round of a scheduled four. Patsy Zoccano, 139¾, Montreal, outpointed Frankie Dell, 134¾, Brooklyn, in a four. The opener was a hectic event with Lou Spurdis, 149, New York, defeating Charley Howard, 147½, Pittsburgh, after each boy had been floored.

A repeat performance of a fight that had taken place almost seven years before, was held at the St. Nicholas Arena when Lou Nova, California heavyweight, faced Gunnar Barlund of Finland in a ten-round main event. These two durable heavyweights had clashed at Madison Square Garden way back in 1938 with Nova winning by a knockout in seven rounds. The return match went the full distance, with Nova winning a unanimous decision. But it was a tough fight for the Californian. The action lagged during the first four rounds and the customers expressed their dissatisfaction with loud booing. Then Barlund threw a haymaker which brought a cut over Nova's left eye, a cut that bled profusely. But the injury, instead of handicapping Nova, seemed to bring him to life. Because from that point on he boxed and punched very well, piling up a decisive margin to win the votes of all three officials. One of the judges, Frank Forbes, voted nine rounds for Nova to one for Barlund. The other judge, Bob Cohen, and the referee, Frank Fullam, each voted six for Nova and four for Barlund. The receipts were $8,070 and the attendance 3,087.

In the eight-round semi-final, Vern Escoe, 185¾, Toronto, outpointed Jim Neville, 208, Elizabeth, N. J. This was a hard-fought encounter with Escoe using his greater experience to good advantage to overcome his Jersey opponent. Burl Charity, 149, Youngstown, Ohio, won from Ernest Barnwell, 157½, Brooklyn, in 1:24 of the third round of a scheduled six, the referee stopping the contest. Jackie Connelly, 132, Long Island City, halted Benny Saladino, 130, Brooklyn, in 1:47 of the fourth of another scheduled six. In the fours, Jimmy Saunders, 131, Bronx, defeated Nick Primiani, 135½, Montreal; Lou Valles, 152½, East Side, won from Al Seidman, 149, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Contrary to reports which appeared in most New York papers on a Sunday morning, it was Leo Romanello, Brooklyn welterweight, who knocked out Vic Pignataro of the Bronx, in 1:40 of the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round feature at the Ridgewood Grove. For some reason or other, the report went out that it was Pignataro who registered the kayo and it became necessary for each of the papers printing that report to make a correction the following day. Romanello, scaling 149¾ to Pignataro's 141, had the upper hand throughout, up to the point where the contest ended in the fifth session. Another near-capacity crowd saw this Moe Fleischer attraction.

In a second eight-rounder on the same program, Steve Riggio, 149, East Side, defeated Freddie Graham, 145½, Harlem, in a hard-fought contest. Johnny (Bo) Harris, 146½, East Side, defeated Bobby Cummings, 141½, Brooklyn, in a six-rounder, while in another scheduled sixer, Bobby Berger, 154, Minneapolis, halted Henry Johnson, 152, Harlem, in 32 seconds of the third round. Joey Carkido, Youngstown, Ohio, stablemate of Tony Janiro, came up off the floor to knock out Pat Butler in 2:23 of the first round. Carkido weighed 133, Butler 138½. Another knockout resulted in the meeting between Tony DeRosa, 150½, Jamaica, L. I., and Charley Howard, 146¾, Harlem, DeRosa winning in 1:17 of the second round in a scheduled four.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

A NEW State Athletic Commission has been named in Indiana by Governor Ralph F. Gates, W. N. (Newt) Ringer of Farmersburg, was named secretary to succeed the late Sam Murbarger who died last December. Ringer is widely known throughout the state as a referee of high school athletic contests, and before his new appointment, was Republican chairman in Sullivan county and an investigator for the Vigo Ordnance Plant in Terre Haute.

Other commission members are Archie Hindman of Hagerstown, who was chosen as chairman to the governing body, also Charles Pitts of Evansville and Ralph Yates of Kokomo. Hindman has promoted boxing in Richmond and other Eastern Indiana cities. Pitts is captain of the traffic division of the Evansville police force and has coached boxers in that city. Yates owns a sporting goods store in Kokomo.

Cpl. Willard Reed, former Indianapolis Golden Gloves champ and present state heavyweight titleholder, was outpointed by Leo Matriciani of Baltimore, in the heavyweight finals of the United States boxing tournament in London. Reed, before going overseas, was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and held victories over Johnny Denson, Red Bruce and Cowboy Greegs. In his bout with Matriciani he was outweighed fifteen pounds.

Buddy Walker, Columbus, O., heavyweight, scored his second ten-round victory over Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, 198-pounder, at the local armory when he unleased a savage attack of uppercuts and left jabs to keep the Hoosier back pedaling during most of the bout. The local product was on the verge of a kayo in the sixth, seventh and final frames but fought gamely to the end. Walker weighed 195, Denson 198.

In the semi-windup, Sparky Reynolds, Indianapolis welter, easily won from clowning Joe Kish, Columbus, in a six-round bout. Reynolds had the Buckeye pug on the deck seven times during the bout.

Danny Williams of Albany, N. Y., a recent dischargee from the army, quickly disposed of Jack Durham, Indianapolis, welter, by a knockout in the first round of a scheduled six. Durham was down once before the knockout.

After a toe-to-toe slugfest for one round, Mike McKessick, local welter, knocked out Kid Watson, Indianapolis, Negro, in the second canto of a scheduled six-rounder.

Pvt. Frank Rand, local middleweight, on furlough from Ft. Lewis, Wash., knocked out Curly Caine, also local, in a four-round opener.

This corner has received several requests to print the recent Golden Gloves winners of the tournament which was held here two months ago. They are as follows: John Weatherford, Leeper A.C., heavyweight. Pvt. Stanley Vitez, Camp Atterbury, light-heavyweight. Robert Cotton, Leeper A.C., middleweight. Archie Thomas, Hill A.C., welterweight. Pvt. James Hickerson, Camp Atterbury, lightweight. Thomas Blair, PAL club No. 4, featherweight. W. R. (Bill) Nixon, Bunker Hill Navy Air Base, bantam. Melvin Carpenter, Leeper A.C., flyweight.

Robert Simmons, Indianapolis welterweight, raked up his seventh straight win in local rings by handing Verne Patterson, Chicago, a ten-round beating at the downtown armory. The local lad, punching sharply, had his opponent down six times and on the verge of a knockout on two occasions. Patterson weighed 146½; Simmons, 144. Although Simmons has appeared in main-gos in other cities this was his first in Indianapolis.

Danny Williams, Albany, N. Y., middleweight, again claimed the spotlight by knocking out Don Callahan of Minneapolis in the second round of the semi-final. Williams floored Callahan with terrific left- and right-hand shots to the jaw for two nine-counts before he put the finisher over in the second round.

Jerry (Baby Galento) Pittro, Chicago, unimpressive and booed by the crowd, won over Jimmy Hughes, local welterweight, by a slight margin in six rounds.

A. C. Lee and Robert Beamon, local lightweights, fought an action packed four-round draw.

Tom LaFevre, local featherweight, knocked out Tex Suddarth, San Antonio, Tex., in the first of a scheduled four.

A. C. Lee, local lightweight and former three-times Golden Gloves champion in Indianapolis rings, is the most active fighter in the Mid-West today. Lee will have completed his first year of glove tossing as a pro when this issue hits the stands and in that period has had thirty-five bouts.

Noble "Kid" Chissell, formerly well known in local boxing circles, has added another notch to his recent string of movie roles at Warner Brothers as an Irish expressman in "Jealousy," with John Loder. Chissell, former conductor of this column in 1929 and '30, has appeared in several cinema successes, among them "Home in Indiana," in which he took the part of the rough sulky driver, Fleaflit Dryer, and in "The Leather Pushers," in which he took the role of the crooked fighter, Giovanni, opposite Richard Arlen. His wife, Mary Arden, plays a reception nurse in "Jealousy."

Sgt. Milton Bess, former Indianapolis 135-pounder and National A.A.U. lightweight champion, won the award as most outstanding boxer in the A.A.F. eastern flying command's Negro boxing tournament at Tuskegee Field, Ala. Bess also won the tourney lightweight crown. He is stationed at Buckingham Army Air Field, and is the son of "One-Round" Bess, formerly outstanding boxer locally who now owns a stable of fighters which includes the brothers Robert and Gene Simmons.

During the past month rotund Bruff Cleary promoted two shows in Ft. Wayne and one in Muncie, Ind. All three were marred by substitutions. At Muncie, with the exception of a sizzling six-round bout between A. C. Lee and Raymond Glenn, won by Lee, the show was a flop, although it was not the fault of the promoter. One Kid Raymond was sent from Chicago by a Windy City fight manager as a replacement for Dan Robinson to face Roy Lewis of Muncie, former national golden glove featherweight champion and took the count after an exchange of light blows. Immediately after the referee tolled ten, the "kayoed" wonder arose to his feet and swiftly scrambled to the dressing room.

Roland Hopp, nee Chief Hop-a-long, local middleweight, has been inducted into the Navy and is now stationed at Great Lakes. Hopp, a Chippewa Indian, piled up an impressive record in local rings by winning eleven of fifteen bouts against strong opponents.

Kelse G. McClure, eighteen-year-old son of Kelse McClure, former local fight manager and promoter, who recently won the Coast Guard heavyweight championship at Manhattan Beach, N. Y., has been given a medical discharge. Young McClure enlisted in the Coast Guard in December, 1944. His father is widely known as a fight mentor, having guided such stars as Happy Atherton, Paul (Tennessee) Lee and Lou Thomas.

Pvt. Frank Rand, former local middleweight, now soldiering at Ft. Lewis, Washington, recently returned on furlough to local rings with two titles in his possession. At 160 pounds he won the ninth service command middleweight crown at a tournament involving several camps at Camp Beale, Calif. He also won the same crown at an allied boxing tournament in Canada.

Al Johnson, Indianapolis, decisioned Dick Cunningham, Cleveland, to win the Army's Pacific Ocean areas middleweight boxing championship before 100,000 fans in the Marianas.

Also in the Pacific area is Frank (Young) Mautey former mitt-tosser from Richmond, Ind. Mautey is stationed in the Marianas.

PROFILE: Our monthly interview of this issue deals with Tom Leeper, local veteran fight trainer and manager. Leeper, born in Equality, Ill., was a former outstanding middleweight campaigning in the Middle-West. During his pugilistic career in the early twenties he met such outstanding punchers as Buddy McHale, Jesse Cox, Tom Pivac and Jack Marlowe. After termination of his ring career, he promoted amateur fights in Indianapolis and also instructed the simon-pures in Golden Gloves tournaments. At one time he entered 65 out of 135 aspirants in a gloves tourney here. Leeper has assisted in the training of Midget Wolgast, former world's flyweight champion, Tracy Cox, Henry Hook and Willard Brown. Branching into the managerial field he has handled Bud Cottey (recent winner of the silver star in Italy), Jethro Jeffers (New Hebrides heavyweight champion), Ritchie Shinn, Johnny Denson, Colion Chaney, Sparky Reynolds and many other outstanding professionals. He has also been a fight instructor at Fort Harrison and Camp Atterbury.

Requests for appearances in local rings can be sent to this writer at 1325 E. Tabor Street, Indianapolis 3, Ind. Applicants will be turned over to Lloyd Carter, promoter.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

THERE was very little boxing activity in Cleveland during the past month but Larry Atkins, ace promoter, has arranged several high-class cards that got under way the latter part of last month. Larry intends to stage several big outdoor shows.

In out-of-town bouts Clevelanders fared as follows: Lloyd Marshall, 169, easily beat Willie Barrow, 182, at Buffalo in ten rounds. He scored a knockdown in the third round.

Johnny Flynn, heavyweight, scored a kayo over Buddy Knox in the third round at Rochester. Johnny is now in the army.

Dave Mason, Flynn's sparring mate, kayoed Alex Schumway in less than a minute in the semi-final.

Gus Mulner, light-heavyweight, kayoed Bobby Giles in the seventh and also decisioned him in eight rounds at Akron, Ohio.

Berry Wright, clever welterweight, won two more bouts in the East, beating Stanley Miller in eight rounds at Providence, and Jimmy Taylor at New Haven.

Charles Lester, National A.A.U. heavyweight champ, continues to beat all amateur contenders. He recently scored over Dan Kelly, local rival, in a thrilling bout. Kelly who only weighs 180 pounds, is a great crowd pleaser.

Former Cleveland boxers serving Uncle Sam recently heard from are: Richard Cunningham, U. S. Army; Billy Kay, Jr., Navy, and Bruce Simon, also Navy. Cunningham, welterweight, was Leroy Jackson's chief sparring partner. He has won six straight bouts, five by kayoes. He is now in the Pacific area. Bruce Simon is also in the Pacific. Bruce, a great amateur and pro, was a flyweight.

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IN HAWAII
By PVT. MACK SHERMAN

DADO MARINO, the Territorial flyweight champion, finally came out of the doldrums and licked Lon Renai in six rounds at the Civic Auditorium on April 9. It was a fairly close fight but Dado had a definite edge and certainly was deserving of the verdict. After two poor performances, the title holder came in to prove that he was still the champ and proceeded to box Renai early in the first heat and continued to take the lead in the second. Renai was definitely the inexperienced newcomer and Dado took advantage of every opportunity.

Dado also took the third with straight jabs and left hooks. The highlight of the fight was the fourth round when Dado lashed out with a terrific left that landed Renai on the deck for a count of eight. After coming off the canvas, Renai came back fighting to make an interesting round of it.

Renai came out strong in the fifth and took a slight lead in this round. He also made a nice showing in the sixth but his punches carried no power and thus had little effect on the popular Filipino champ. Dado came in at 115¾ and Renai weighed 122¼.

The semi-final was a pretty fair fight in which Ray Lewis, 134, stepped out of his class in meeting Llewellyn Strohlin, 142, in a six-rounder. Although Strohlin copped the duke, Lewis should not have received anything less than a draw. Lewis, a natural featherweight, changed his bicycle tactics and chased Strohlin all over the ring, the latter reversing the situation by backpedaling the entire distance.

The third six-rounder of the evening proved to be the best fight of the night when the up-and-coming youngster, Butch O'Hara, 142, outpunched and outslugged the rugged veteran, Sabas Jamito, 144. O'Hara repeated his victory of a few weeks ago and proved to everybody, including Jamito, that it was no fluke.

O'Hara got off the deck in the third after getting tagged by Jamito with one of his potent rights and carried the fight to his opponent and sent Jamito to the floor twice in the fifth. Jamito was a tired and battered battler at the finish.

The balance of the card was made up of four-rounders.

Fred Silvano, 126¾, won a close, hard-earned decision over Willie Henry, 125.

David Broad, 164¼, K.O.'ed Bill Howard, 165, in the second.

Fred Burkhead, 142¼, earned a hard, gory decision over Bob Leighton, 147.

The attendance was 4,280 and grossed $6,873.25.

A mild upset was scored on Saturday, March 31, when Johnny Ledesma scored a sensational K.O. over the highly touted Otis Jackson in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder at the Civic Auditorium.

Johnny fought a clever fight from the very beginning and used his better judgment and experience to good advantage. Jackson looked good in the opening frame when he hit Ledesma with two terrific left hooks that created a mouse over Johnny's right eye.

Jackson took this round easily and proceeded to take the second by his aggressiveness and forcing tactics. He also gained the second with his cleaner punching.

After allowing Jackson to be the boss in the two previous rounds, Johnny got busy in the third. Ledesma outboxed Jackson with sharp shooting left jabs and hard right hands to the head that had Jackson backing up during most of the round. Toward the end of the round Johnny shot a "one-two" and followed with another left hook and Jackson found himself on the floor. He recovered at the count of eight and managed to survive the round. However, Jackson was definitely hurt.

Coming out for the fourth, Johnny with new confidence, came out cool as a cucumber and toyed and maneuvered with Jackson until midway in the round he caught Jackson with a hard one, two, and drove Jackson to the deck. He arose without a count in a dazed and helpless condition and Johnny came in for the kill with a smashing right to the jaw.

Ledesma came in at 138 and Jackson weighed 144¼.

Leo Leavitt, the promoter, finally came through with an interesting card after a succession of stinkeroos in the past. The fans left satisfied with the thought in mind that this would make a good return match.

In the scheduled five-round semi-final, Sabas Jamito won a convincing decision over Vince Tritto who always manages to come to life too late. It wasn't until Jamito had taken the first four rounds that Tritto decided to come out of his shell and fight.

Frank Eubanks, 160, made his pro debut and met rough and tough Ray Diosis, 161, who flattened him in one minute and ten seconds of the third. A straight right to Eubanks' chin and that was all.

Willie Henry, 125, put away Duke Veldez, 123, in the first.

Ice Cream Williams, 144, fought an interesting curtain raiser draw with Fred Burkhead, 142.

The estimated crowd was 2,573 and grossed $4,168.25.

Youth triumphed over age on Saturday, April 21, when Lou Renai, promising young GI featherweight, whipped Lefty Lapinid in the main event of Promoter Eddie Marino's boxing card at Wahiawa. A crowd of approximately 2000 witnessed the program that was featured with slashing battles and three K.O.'s. Renai copped five of the six heats scoring repeatedly with a nice one, two to the head. The ancient Fil campaigner won only the fourth round when he tagged Renai with a series of body blows.

In the semi-final scheduled for six, Ray Lewis administered a sound trouncing to Eddie Salazar. The rangy Negro scrapper was too fast and punched too sharply for the loser. Lashing out with lightning rights to the head, Young Bolo III stopped Lefty Barnett in the first. Clarence Garrett and Ice Cream Williams fought to a popular and hard fought draw. Antonio Generalao chilled Jimmy Lloyd in the third. Phil Labang flattened Little Salvador in the initial frame of the opener.

Yasu Yasutake, the hard-hitting Jap battler, won the rubber match in decisively licking his arch rival, Adolph Samuels, in eight rounds at the Civic Auditorium on April 22. Yasu was plenty sharp and probably gave Samuels the worst beating of his entire career. Yasutake took advantage of his superior boxing and kept a flicking, annoying left in Samuels' face during the entire encounter. By virtue of his height and weight advantage of 4½ pounds, Yasu punched more often and hit harder with his right all night and fairly danced his way out of possible trouble during the whole joust. Yasu used his head by fighting a cautious battle when he had Sammy in trouble on a number of occasions, and instead of putting the finishing touches on Samuels, he elected to play safe in favor of taking a chance of walking into Sammy's hooks to the body which is Yasu's weak spot.

It was a punch to the midsection that finished Yasu in their first bout. However, a month later Yasu retaliated by scoring a unanimous decision over the Puerto Rican in a return go. Sammy's aggressive style made the fight an interesting one although Yasu won the duke hands down.

Yasu suffered a small cheek cut during the middle rounds and Samuels received a cut left eye early in the eighth. Samuels was in top physical shape to weather the terrific licking he absorbed. Samuels came in at 124¼ and Yasu weighed 128½.

In the scheduled six round semi-final, Llewellyn Strohlin, 144¼, found his target in Red Luce, 145½, early in the fifth and put him away shortly after. Strohlin dropped Luce midway in the fourth for a no count and that was the beginning of the end until Strohlin put him away in the next round.

The balance of the card were all four rounders. Melvin Woodson, 150¼, decisioned Fred Burkhead, 142½. Jimmy Duponte, 133½, chilled Speedy Garcia, 128¼. Ray Dioses, 164½, put away Ed Johnson, 167¼, in the initial heat. Eddie Reyes, 119½, kayoed Frank Cicala, 125½, in the third. The crowd was 5,455, and grossed $8.270.00.

Territorial flyweight champ, Dado Marino, had an easy time of it when he decisively licked young Gus Rosa in the main event at Civic Auditorium. Marino came in at 115½ and was in great shape for the encounter. However, Rosa who came in at 116½, proved to be in better condition. Dado chased him for the entire distance of eight rounds, but couldn't catch up with him.

For some reason or other, immediately after the bell sounded to start the first round, Dado bounced out of his corner and smashed two left hooks to Rosa's body and thereafter Rosa got on his bicycle for the duration of the bout. The only action was supplied by Dado.

Sabas Jamito, 139¾, earned a T.K.O. over Vince Tritto, 144½, when Tritto suffered a bad cut over his left eye and the doctor ordered the bout stopped during the intermission after the second round. Until the bout was stopped, it was a lively tussle and but for the unfortunate incident it might have proved to be the best bout of the evening.

Making his pro debut, Al Garcia, 147, AAFPOA champ, had too many guns for Fred Burkhead, 144½, and stopped Burkhead in the second.

Pete Louthis, 189½, was given a present in meeting Joe Gaynor, 203, who was as green as grass and fighting his first pro fight. Pete stopped him in the third. In the opening four, Jimmy Otis, 140, decisioned Johnny Ropedo, 139.

The estimated crowd was 3200 and the gross was $7224.25.

Navy boxers of the Hawaiian theater of operations last night won a tournament from the Army's Pacific Ocean area champions, five decisions to four, before 22,000 fans.

John Shkor of Baltimore gained the decision over Joe Rochester, Army, of New York, to break a tie, but it was the show's slowest brawl. The results:

Bantamweight—Tiger Brown, Navy, Philadelphia, gained the decision over Nobuo Higa, Army, Honolulu.

Featherweight—Sal Scornavacca, Army, Newark, N. J., gained the decision over Don Donnegan, Navy, Detroit.

Junior Lightweight — Gordon House, Navy, Winslow, Ariz., knocked out Wally Tuggle, Army, Birmingham, Ala.

Lightweight—Weilbert Minn, Army, Honolulu, gained the decision over Harry Hart, Navy, Springfield, Ill.

Junior Welterweight—Frank Robinson, Army, Oil City, Pa., won on a technical knockout from Bill Squalls, Navy, Jacksonville, Fla.

Welterweight—Chet Vinci, Navy, Rome, N. Y., outpointed John Thomas, Army, New York City.

Middleweight—Benny Deans, Navy, Newark, N. J., gained the decision over Al Johnson, Army, Indianapolis, Ind.

Light-heavyweight — Charles Jackson, Army, New York City, knocked out Jimmy Jones, Navy, Washington, D. C.

Heavyweight—Johnny Shkor, Navy, Baltimore, gained the decision over Joe Rochester, Army, New York City.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

ON April 5 Scott Field held its finals of its Post tournament. There were fourteen bouts on the card with only one knockout and thirteen of them going the distance. Following is a list of the crowned champions, with their home towns as all of them are on the Scott Field Post:

Open heavyweight, Sgt. Leroy Beaver of Los Angeles, Calif.; novice heavyweight, Pvt. Larry Crain of Plymouth, Calif.; open light-heavyweight, Pvt. Tom Neal of Tulsa, Okla.; novice light-heavyweight, Pvt. Herman Scheft of Brooklyn, N. Y.; open middleweight, Pvt. Lee Stafford of Wichita, Kan.; novice middleweight, Pvt. Manuel Herrera of Los Angeles, Calif.; open welterweight, Sgt. James Sowell of Cleveland, O.; novice welterweight, Pfc. Francis Wilson of Jacksonville, Fla.; open lightweight, Pvt. Branch Williams of Philadelphia, Pa.

Novice lightweight, Pvt. Eleas Manzanares of Trinidad, Colo.; open junior lightweight, Mitchel Dorsey of Fort Worth, Tex.; novice junior lightweight, Pfc. Bob Palmer of Harbor Creek, Pa.; open bantamweight, Pfc. Gene Sutcliffe of St. Louis, Mo.; novice bantamweight, Pvt. Marty Power of New Orleans, La.

At Milwaukee Sgt. Savior Canadeo, a pro welterweight, who is stationed at Scott Field, Ill., suffered a knockout in the third round at the hands of Charlie Parham, a welter from Milwaukee.

Ray Palmer, BM1/c, in the good old Seabees, is home here in St. Louis on a convalescent leave. Ray saw duty on Guadalcanal, New Zealand, Manus and Emirau Islands of the St. Mathias group. It was while serving on the latter island that Ray's battalion was cited by Admiral Halsey for their efforts in the Pacific Area. Prior to his time in the service, Ray was a very popular referee in both professional and amateur boxing bouts staged in St. Louis and the immediate vicinity. Ray officiated as referee in many of the Island "X" fight cards, including the South Pacific championship finals on Guadalcanal. It was while on Manus Island that Ray met Dave Berry, a former St. Louis fighter, who was with another Seabee outfit.

The star-studded amateur boxing card staged by the Keys Club in Kirkwood, Mo., was featured by the surprise victory of Westbury Bascum over Willie Jackson. Bascum, who comes from the East Side, St. Paul Community Center, was this year's novice 160-pound Golden Glove champion, while Jackson held the 147-pound title in the Golden Gloves in the open division and the Ozark A.A.U. middleweight crown. Bascum blasted Jackson out of the picture in the second round for the upset of the evening. Fred Latson, the Typo A. C. featherweight, who won titles in this year's Golden Gloves, and the A.A.U. tourney, belted out Charles Able, a S.B.A.C. novice titlist, in the first heat of their three-rounder. Another bout that provided plenty of fireworks was the welterweight open brawl between Bob Mohler of S.B.A.C. and Louis Gray of the Typo A. C. Mohler got the decision in three rounds. There were twelve other crowd-pleasing bouts on the card which was held at the Kirkwood, Mo., High School.

Police Sgt. Ora Dean of the Kirkwood, Mo., Police Dept., is in a large part responsible for the success of the Keys Club amateur pugilistic shows.

RIGHT CROSSES—Ray Unsell, the 112-pounder who went to the finals in the open division in this year's Golden Gloves and who punched his way to the flyweight championship in the Ozark A.A.U. tourney, fought his way to these coveted spots while being minus part of his left foot, which he lost in a military engagement shortly after Pearl Harbor. . . . That is what the American youth is made of. . . . Mr. Charles Gevecker, who has done so much to aid the cause of amateur boxing in St. Louis, and who is identified with the Ozark Chapter of the A.A.U., was presented with a life membership plaque. . . . Raymond (Red) Lewis, the veteran lightweight, of DeSoto, Mo., has been inducted into the army.

Send notes of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis Street, DeSoto, Mo. Letters and news from boxers in the service is most welcome.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

Col. Harry Edelhertz, Fort Eustis, Va.

Q.—What ounce gloves do the pros and amateurs use?

A.—Pros use five-ounce for classes up to middleweight; six thereafter. Amateurs use eight-ounce gloves in all classes.

A Reader, Overseas

Q.—I would like some information on a wrestler by the name of John Malmberg, who is now over in Europe in the Army. A wounded soldier told me Malmberg was wrestling in London about eight months ago while he was on leave. Is this the same Malmberg that was wrestling in Paris and London about seven years ago? I think he would be about 42 years old now. The returned man claims it was he. This is to settle a bet. We thank you very much and hope you can help us out.

A.—Sorry, I cannot tell you. I have a record here of Malmberg being in the U. S. Army and am certain it must be the same fellow.

R. Ding, Tacoma, Wash.

Q.—In the recent Greco-Ruffin bout the referee counted five over Bobby when he was fouled by Greco. Now, what I am eager to know is if, under New York rules, in view of the fact that the referee took the round away from Greco, would Greco have been credited with knocking out Ruffin had Bobby not been able to get up on time?

A.—Yes. The result would have been scored as a knockout regardless of the fact that Greco had the round taken from him on a foul. That holds in all states where the no-foul rule is used.

Harvey Seller, Norfolk, Va.

Q.—When Fred Apostoli laid claim to the middleweight crown, was he universally recognized as champion?

A.—No. California recognized him, while the New York Commission recognized Freddie Steele. In an overweight match in which Apostoli came in half a pound over the limit as per agreement, he knocked out Steele in the ninth round, but did not gain recognition and Steele refused to give him another chance.

Cpl. Robert Epstein, Fort Dix, N. J.

Q.—What were the weights of Ken Overlin and Steve Belloise in their second fight?

A.—Overlin 158, and Belloise 154.

Henry Hintleman (Henry Firpo), Louisville, Ky.

Q.—Does your 1945 Record Book contain the record of my fights? I fought as a middleweight under the fighting name of Henry Firpo.

A.—No. Sorry. The 1945 Record Book contains only the records of those who were active during the year 1944. My three volumes of Nat Fleischer's All-Time Ring Record Book, the 1942, 1943 and 1944 issues, took care of all the old-timers. Henceforth only a yearly book will be published. Your complete record, 1925 to 1935, inclusive, is found on Page 151 of the 1942 edition. However, there are no copies of this available. Every copy has been sold and the issue will not be republished.

Alfred Speer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Q.—How many times did Eddie Cool and Benny Bass fight?

A.—Records show twice. December 27, 1933, Bass won in ten, and on February 18, 1935, Bass lost in ten.

Sgt. Robert Mindauer, Marianas

Q.—Between Abe Attell and Terry McGovern, who, in your opinion, was the better all-around fighter?

A.—It is a toss-up between Abe Attell and Terry McGovern. Each was supreme in his specialty and the quality of their ring work was such that only a hair line separates the pair. McGovern was a slashing, two-fisted, slam-bang artist, who tore into his man and battered him into a helpless state by the sheer power of his fists. In this respect he differed from Attell, who was a master of scientific boxing, a great offensive and defensive battler, who clashed with every fighter of note in both his and the next higher division and came through with flying colors. Each won a world crown.

McGovern was of the tearing-in, close range school of fighters, whose body attacks mowed down opponents who far surpassed the majority of our best feathers and lightweights of today. As a fighter, McGovern, in my opinion, surpassed all rivals when he fought as a featherweight, but when we take into consideration cleverness, general ring work and every other attribute that goes into the make-up of a great fighter, Attell had it over Terry. Though he lost much of his punching power as the years rolled on, he was still a top-notcher, as good as the best in the field, when he retired.

Attell, McGovern and Jem Driscoll were the three top feathers.

Pfc. Samuel Weisman, APO 676, N. Y. P.O.

Q.—Was Firpo knocked through the ropes by Jack Dempsey? In what round?

A.—No. Dempsey was knocked through the ropes by Firpo in the first round.

Michael Fasano, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q.—How does Eddie Eagan's new four point system in boxing work out?

A.—One point is given to the boxer who shades his man and nothing to his opponent.

Two points to the boxer who outscores his opponent by a fairly wide margin and nothing to opponent.

Three points to boxer who scores a knockdown in any round and his opponent gets nothing if he has not come back exceptionally strong. If he has, and has outscored his man following that knockdown, or if the knocked down fighter was well in the lead when he was floored, then the score should be either 3 to 1 or 3 to 2, according to the strength of the knocked down boxer.

If a boxer scores more than one knockdown and outclasses his opponent in other respects, the score should be 4 to 0.

MINNESOTA BOXING NEWS

By SPIKE McCARTHY
(Pinch-hitting for Billy Colbert)

DICK YANERELLY, St. Paul, bantamweight in the Navy, won the Regimental Boxing Championship and has a record of ten straight victories in Navy competition. Yanerelly was also a Golden Glove champion from St. Paul, in 1942, and a very good boy.

Emmett Weller, former Minnesota lightweight champion, has a good prospect in Jimmy Ellis from the Rice District who is a featherweight. This kid has a lot of class and under the direction of the old fox, will give anybody in his class a fight.

St. Paul Auditorium—Al Jordan, Milwaukee, 138, won the decision over Del Cockayne, Des Moines, 136, in eight rounds. It was a very good fight and Jordan won by a narrow margin.

Joe Stepka, St. Paul, 174, knocked out Herb Jones, Indianapolis, 176, in the fifth round.

Buzz Brown, St. Paul, 148, won over Annunzio Ferraro, Milwaukee, 147, in six rounds.

Richie Dix, Hazen, N. D., 156, knocked out Chief Richter, Poplar, Mont., 155, in the second round.

Al Irwin, Minneapolis, 135, knocked out Marion Rhoeten, Milwaukee, 133, in the first round.

Walter Stone, St. Paul, 147, making his first professional bout, lost the decision to Royal Martin, Des Moines, 148, in a four round bout.

St. Paul has a new boxing promoter, Eddie Williams, restaurant proprietor. Eddie is planning on staging a revival of professional boxing in St. Paul and figures on running shows regularly every two weeks. . . . The old doctor, Spike McCarthy, is all smiles these days, he is back rubbing the fighters and keeping time because he knows there is going to be a lot of action in the Twin Cities from now on with Tony Stecher, Minneapolis promoter, and Eddie Williams, St. Paul promoter, staging shows every two weeks. The Doc is called the meat wagon for short because he just loves pulling in heavyweight fighters to their corner.

Tommy O'Loughlin, manager of Elmer Ray, is one of the best hustlers in the fight business. Tommy never misses a bet and knows the score at all times.

Bill Oliver, Duluth, light-heavyweight, just back from the Navy, is one of the best boys of the Lakes Region. The only fight he has lost in the last year was to Blaine Young, Minot, N. D., boxer. . . . Ted Morrison, with the parachute troops over in New Guinea, is boxing regularly on the soldier cards for the boys. . . . Floyd Hagen in the Navy in the South Pacific, was one of the hardest punchers to come out of St. Paul in the last ten years. In fifty amateur fights he knocked out 47. And in his first 21 professional fights, he knocked out 19. Not bad for a kid only 18 years old.

One of the best boosters for boxing in Minneapolis is Solly Goldstein. Solly managed a lot of good boys a few years back and is now a successful business man, but takes a great interest in the game, he never misses a fight in the Twin Cities or any other place in the State. . . . Johnny Dudley, Northfield, Minn., welterweight, is in the Navy at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. . . . Chuck Hensel, Montrose, Minn., heavyweight, is in the Army at Fort Leavenworth. . . . Jimmy Cole, Inver Grove, Minn., welterweight, is stationed at Fort Worth, Texas, in the Navy. . . . Karl Malm, Park Rapids, Minn., heavyweight, has been in France for two years. He sends his best to the boys in Minnesota. . . . Cpl. Johnny Stone, heavyweight, is in France with the parachute troops. Johnny was a Golden Gloves champion in 1940.

Managers wishing to show their fighters in the Twin Cities, can contact the writer at the Hamm Bldg. in St. Paul. Good fighters can get a lot of action around the northwest. Write to me.

Don't forget to subscribe to THE RING and send it to the boys in the service. Also have your news in here before the first of the month.

Tony Stecher, the Minneapolis promoter, has been drawing gates close to $20,000 at every show. Tony is well liked. He is planning a number of big shows for the summer season and will give the fans plenty of action. . . . Johnny Stanton, back from a lot of action overseas, is now refereeing in Minneapolis.

Dan Smith, a St. Paul amateur boxer of 1939-40, and now a United States Marine, was wounded in the battle of Iwo Jima. Good luck, Dan, and a speedy recovery.

Roy Westphalinger, the Northwest's most prominent fight announcer, has just been promoted to a staff sergeant. Roy, a veteran of three years in the Army (18 months overseas), is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

My best regards to Lt. Bill Bush, former Recreational Director at Camp Wolters, Texas, 1942-43. Bill was instrumental in putting over with a bang, the big Camp Boxing Tournaments held there every three months.

Augie Ratner, former Minneapolis boxer of the twenties, is now the proud owner of Augie's Lounge, one of the better night spots in the Flour City.

Phil Gallivan, former big league baseball pitcher, and now a St. Paul tavern proprietor, has been bit by the boxing bug and now wants to become a boxing promoter. Well, he should do all right as he is well known and is a very popular guy. Good luck to you, Phil.

Chuck Singer, one-time Minneapolis lightweight, and now a successful grocery store operator, is still looking for a heavyweight prospect. Who isn't?

Sgt. LeRoy Holmes, a St. Paul amateur boxer of five years ago, has been seriously wounded in action in Germany. Best of luck to you, LeRoy, and a full recovery from your wounds.

I wonder at what part of the universe my old pal, and good buddy of my Army days at Camp Wolters, Texas (Soft Shoe Louie Katz), is now stationed! Old Soft Shoe was for many years the program man for the boxing clubs here in St. Paul, Hibbing, and Duluth.

Iron Mike Ferrozzo, one-time manager of Charley Ratzleff, the old heavyweight, and Fred Lenhart, has now taken over the managerial duties of Buzz Brown, Negro St. Paul welterweight.

If the following boys see this item, will they please get in touch with the writer. Marcus (Al) Luna, Adam Delgado, and Jose Lanza. These boys are all in the infantry across the sea, and I would like very much to hear from them. They were all crack boxers down at Camp Wolters, Texas.

Dick Watzl, a former St. Paul middleweight boxer, now a member of the uniformed division of the local police department, and Smiling Bob Costello, a detective in the juvenile department, have charge of the police department's boxing team. They have a nice, modern, well-equipped gym where they can be found every night teaching the young boys the fundamentals of boxing, good sportsmanship, and the value of clean living. The boxing game could surely use more men like these two.

Charley Teirney, St. Paul's popular chief of police, is a boxing fan of the first water. He never misses a show in either town and can always be found in the press row with James Lynch, the Ramsey County prosecuting attorney.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

GRANITE JAW JOE BAKSI, Kulpmont, Pa., heavyweight, scaling 211½ pounds, emerged victorious in a torrid ten round headliner with hard-hitting Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J., 190-pounder, at the Chicago Coliseum under the promotional guidance of impresario Jack Kearns. From an action standpoint, this heavyweight battle was one of the best seen hereabouts in some time.

Lane scored swiping left- and right-hand shots repeatedly in the early rounds, staggering big Joe time and again. But Baksi's superb conditioning and "steel" jaw overcame the fistic barrage. The coal miner fought his usual close-quarter campaign and opened up frequently, belting Lane with hard smashes to the ribs and with sharp uppercuts to the chin that worried the game Larry repeatedly.

In the semi-windup, O'Dell Riley, Detroit, Michigan, 181-pound newcomer, amazed Chicagoans with his stirring four round knockout over agile Johnny Flannagan in a boxing session replete with action—Riley's sturdier punching and slipping of Flannagan's overhand right hand tactics contributed to his eventual knockout triumph. However, just before this surprise conquest, Flannagan stung O'Dell with a terrific right hand smash and it appeared like curtains for the Detroiter but, O'Dell came back with a lonely left hook on the whiskers for the ten count. Time, 1:40. Flannagan weighed 190½ pounds. They were slated for six rounds.

Another "Motor City" fighter, Mack Parshey, tipping 166 pounds, spotted Robert Satterfield approximately eight pounds and delivered the coup-de-grace to Bob in 2:10 of the opening session. Satterfield, prior to this result, was "red hot" in the eyes of the fight enthusiasts, due to his two previous one-round knockouts in as many fights.

Tony Musto, former star Blue Island heavyweight, engaged in his first contest in over a year. This was due to his service in Uncle Sam's Navy as a boxing instructor at Treasure Island until his honorable discharge. Musto opposed Buddy Waterman, another automotive representative, who was dropped six times in the two rounds and the bout was stopped in round two. Waterman suffered a leg injury due to his heavy stumbling and the referee promptly halted the one-sided encounter. Musto weighed 205 pounds to Waterman's 174 pounds. This was another scheduled six round bout that didn't last.

In another scheduled six rounder, McKinley English, 187 pounds, also of Detroit, stopped Bill Petersen, East Chicago, 196-pounder, in the fourth round. A terrific left hook to the solar plexus laid Petersen out at the termination of round three, and Petersen was still motionless, as the gong sounded for round four and he was counted out.

Young Mitchell, Chicago, 195-pounder, let go with one barrage for a swift one-round kayo over Frank Wilson, 196, also of Chicago, in what was to have been a carded four round tiff. Time 1:29.

Approximately 5,500 fans attributed to a gross gate of $18,000, which enabled promoter Kearns to realize a $2000 profit. Baksi received approximately $3,700; Lane $1,900. Tony Musto received $300 and all of the other contestants in the six-round combats were paid $125, while the four-round battlers received $50 apiece.

Freddie Dawson, cute Chicago lightweight, stopped Willie Calhoun in 7 rounds at Worcester, Mass.

Gene Spencer, gangling South Chicago Irish-Indian lightweight, has been fighting out of town of late. Over at Youngstown, Ohio, Spencer took the measure of Guy Serean in ten, and then trekked down to San Antonio, Texas, where he was defeated in a hard-fought brawl by Tony Mar of Mexico in ten rounds. This latter match paid off on $6000 net, as quoted to Yours Truly, by Spencer, with Gene receiving 20% of the take. Not bad.

Sammy Spunt is affiliated with the Westside Boxing Club, Madison St. at California Ave., where amateur boxing shows are held regularly on Wednesdays. Duke Marquies and Sam Dell are the promoters, with Spunt in the matchmaking capacity.

Hubert Hood, rugged C.Y.O. Negro heavyweight, won with plenty to spare over experienced Bob Garner, in a Marigold weekly headliner, at the ten round distance. From round three on, Hood caused Garner's nose to bleed continuously, while in the sixth frame Hood perpetrated a paint job on his Louisville adversary. Hood won the unanimous decision, avenging a previous loss to the Blue Grass streak from Kentucky.

Tommy James, Chicago Southsider, won a spirited five-round semi-windup from Jimmy Martin, fellow Southsider, who was spilled for a nine count, falling in a somersault fashion, in round five. He also received a cauliflower ear.

Donald O'Connor, Chicago, 128-pounder, ended his bout with Tito Green, in the 2nd round. First, a left hook sent Green to the canvas for a 7 count and a repeat left hook felled him for keeps. Time, 1:05. Green came in at 130 pounds.

Luther Brent, Southside, 160-pound Negro fighter, made Ray Queen's Chicago debut a brief one. Brent kayoed the St. Louis Missourian, in 2:08 of the first round. Queen was down for a short count prior to the knockout.

Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee, 145-pounder, is gradually supplanting George "Sugar" Costner, as the hottest number among the welterweights. Sherrer, since stopping O'Neil Bell, in one round, defeated rugged Robert Fowler, in convincing fashion, in a Marigold eight round headliner.

Sherrer dropped Fowler for a one count, in round one, and then the "Motor City" sleek protege of Joey Sangor, sharpshooted to victory. The fight was close. The eighth and final stanza was fought to a standstill. The verdict went to Sherrer on points.

Charley Wells, Gary, Indiana, 151-pounder, lost the opening heat to Tommy James, Southside, 151-pounder, but in round two, Wells nailed Tommy with a sharp right to the chin for a one count. James got up by clinging onto Wells and pulling himself erect. After some continued sparring, Wells again found the desired opening and crashed over his sharp right for a sure knockout conquest. Time 2:52.

Dick Czerniak, Milwaukee, lightweight, defeated Kid Raymond, Chicago, 136-pounder, in a four round tiff. Raymond was down for nine in the third canto.

Johnny Heinowski and Tommy Mitchell, a pair of 165-pounders, went to it for four rounds to a draw. Heinowski hails from Milwaukee and the latter is a Chicagoan.

The four-round opener found Robert Weatherly a winner over Eddie Carson. They are welterweights.

George "Sugar" Costner finally got back into the winning column not long ago by the kayo route. Reason, he engaged the tough Chester Slider, in a 10-round bout at Oakland, Calif. Incidentally, Costner managed to knock Slider to the canvas four times.

Nate Bolden, experienced Chicago Negro lightheavyweight, won and lost to Phil Muscato, in two thrilling ten-round matches. Bolden triumphed in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Muscato turned the tide at Buffalo, N. Y.

Perk Daniels, muscular Windy City 200-pounder, scored a technical knockout in seven rounds over Curtis (Hatchet Man) Sheppard, at Pittsburgh, and was himself catapulted by Elmer (Violent Ray), in eight rounds at Baltimore, Maryland.

Dorsey Lay, Philadelphia lightweight, took Freddie Dawson in stride, in a Philly 10-round headliner.

Johnny Eaton, Detroit welterweight, who didn't fare so well against Jimmy Sherrer, returned to Chicago and startled Marigold partisans with his sharpshooting victory over two-fisted Hurricane Bill Parsons, Danville, Illinois, slugger. Eaton outpointed Parsons during the first two rounds, while Parsons dropped Eaton with a right hand to the mastoid region for a no count in the third. In the fourth Eaton came back and cut the Danvillite's left eye. The fifth and sixth was won by the Negro from Detroit, who re-opened Parsons' eye. Parsons again rallied in the eighth after losing the seventh.

Bob Satterfield, weighing 173 to 173¼ for Art McWhorter of Gary, plastered McWhorter to the deck three times in gaining a surprise one-round knockout. A left hook brought the first knockdown. A two-fisted barrage attributed to the second trip and the third and final down was caused by a left hook that stiffened Art for keeps. Time 1:51 of the first round.

Mike Sopko, rugged East Chicago middleweight, won a tough match from Luther Brent, gangling Southside Negro 158-pounder. Brent was able to floor Sopko with a thunderous left hook, in round two. However, from then on in, Mike blasted the body, repeatedly weakening Brent and beat him about the face.

Carmen Greco, Milwaukee newcomer, weighing 136 pounds, and Eddie Carson, Chicago Negro lightweight, battled it out to a four-round draw.

In the opening fracas diminutive Jerry Pittro outgloved Don Calihan, in a spirited four-rounder.

Hubert Hood, C.Y.O. heavyweight, 191 pounds, continued on his winning successes via the kayo route at the expense of the hard-hitting Colion Chaney, at the Marigold Gardens before a capacity crowd. The bout ended in round four. The 188-pound Chaney got up at nine, but was in no condition to continue and the referee halted the bout and awarded Hood the technical kayo win in four rounds.

Tony Reno opposed Jimmy Martin, in the semi-final feature of, six rounds with the Italian West Side 157-pounder winning over his lighter foe, who scaled a mere 142 pounds. Martin made up the difference in weight with his pluck and rare courage, coupled with his overhand rights that found a resting place time-and-again. On one occasion, Reno slipped in an extra punch after the bell, and boy did they mix it! Martin's face bled profusely during the sixth and final chapter.

In the four-rounders, Robert Weatherly and Sparky Reynolds, the latter from Indianapolis, scored knockouts. Weatherly registered his against Herman Mills, in the 4th and Reynolds victimized his man in the third. Ted Bernadoe was the unlucky pugilist. They are all welterweights.

Young Mitchell and Frank Green, local Negro heavyweights, went four rounds to a standstill.

Ray Brown, formerly a Golden Glove bantam- and featherweight champion, is campaigning creditably in the East as a pro lightweight. Ray's last encounter found him victorious over Mike Sulik in ten rounds at Holyoke, Mass.

Bill Parsons defeated Sidney Miller, in a ten-rounder at Youngstown, Pa.

Harry Eagles, promoter out of the West, is contemplating boxing shows in the Southern area by way of St. Louis, Mo. The Kiel Auditorium, with a seating capacity of 12,500, is the likely site that Eagles is set on. Good luck, Harry!

I would still like to hear from Chicago and Illinois professional fighters now in service overseas. Gene Engel can be reached at his residence, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

ON the nights of April 11th and May 2 in the Music Hall Arena in Cincinnati, it looked like old times of the Katz promotional regime, when Promoters Harry Hartman and Leonard Shallat presented their reopening boxing shows to southern Ohio fans with a tremendous wallop.

Matchmaker "Socko" Hartman did an excellent job of matchmaking in both programs and if he and Mr. Shallat continue to give the fans the type of matches they did on these two nights, Cincinnati won't be long in returning to the elite of the boxing field.

On April 11, Buddy Rose, Ft. Thomas, Ky., middleweight soldier, won a very close verdict from the good puncher, Dave Clark of Cincinnati, in ten rounds.

The May 2 show was a thriller with 2000 paid attendance viewing the program. In the top tenner, Buddy Rose lost a close decision to Sailor Curley Denton, former Cincinnati middleweight. This writer believes the fight could have gone either way on the verdict, but the fans seemed to be in unison with the decision.

In the prelims to the latter show, Bobby Simmons, Indianapolis middleweight, surprised in winning an eight-round decision over Do Do Woods of Cincinnati in the semi-final. Corp. Dick Cook, a pleasing shifty little lightweight from Camp Atterbury, Ind., made a big hit in winning in six sessions from Tiger Wills of Columbus.

Al Williams beat Jack Payne in a six-round lightweight bout and Johnny Goode stopped Harry McCann in two heats. They were lightweights also. Young Camille officiated in the preliminary scuffles while Pat Daly did fine work in the semi-windup and main events.

Around the ringside at the Denton-Rose scrap, this scribe saw George Rhein, Cincinnati sportsman, Benny Becker and his brother Sam, promoters, Noah Schecter, RKO publicity head in this territory, Eddy Johnson, manager of Sugar Costner, Lee Hammond, Dayton, O., promoter, and Less Huffman, Columbus, O., fight manager. Former pugilists also held the spotlight. They were Freddie Miller, former featherweight champion, Johnny Braun, former amateur welterweight, and Ray (Prince) Taylor, good lightweight of the early 30's.

The Hartman-Shallat combine is going to go a long way in bringing the game to the high level it once held some years back. THE RING Magazine and this columnist offer their sincere co-operation.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS—Less Huffman, hustling Columbus, O., manager, has his boys working on about every good spot in southern Ohio. . . . Was sorry to hear of the recent death of Vic Brockie out in Arizona. . . . Vic was a very fine cartoonist. . . . Iver Hanson of Hines, Ill., who is probably one of Chicago's most active managers, expects to get back on the fight ball 100 per cent shortly, now that he has his "other business" about rolling fine. . . . Mac Bonner of Louisville and his good Negro light-heavyweight, Bob Garner, got a tough break when Bob re-broke his hand. . . . Fighters of all weights who would like to show in southern Ohio rings and Cincinnati should contact this writer at 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati 27, Ohio. This goes for managers of good fighters also. . . . You can use this address too for those who might be interested in having my fight flashes monthly service for one year at one dollar. . . . THE RING is still the outstanding sports seller in this neck of the woods and if you want your issue at all, you have to get to the newsstands early.

IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

FRISCO fans had a chance to see their own Tony Olivera, No. 1 challenger for the bantam crown, in action. The hometown boy displayed oodles of class flattening Pancho Arizmendi of Mexico, in the fourth of a ten-rounder at the Coliseum Bowl. It was Olivera's first fight here since he defeated Pee Wee Louis in December 1943.

Even though the bout ended early, the game, rugged Mexican gave Olivera a fight for two rounds. The opening round was even as the boys wasted no time getting acquainted. Arizmendi clipped his foe with a long right hander on the left eye. He also scored with a stinging hook to the jaw.

The local bantam handed Pancho a pasting around the body in the second. The latter missed time and again in the final minute of this round. Tony dropped Arizmendi just a second before the bell, ending round three. Pancho's second had to help him to his corner. A beautifully-timed right-cross was the knockdown punch. This took plenty out of the kid and he was unable to recuperate during the one-minute intermission.

In the fourth, he was an easy target for Olivera's sharp punching. Tony landed a left-hook on the chin sprawling the Mexican after one minute-twenty seconds. The latter made a game try to arise, but his legs gave way.

Fans hope to see more of their home boy in the near future. Olivera weighed 122, Arizmendi, 120.

The referee was Toby Irwin.

House gross was $4,076.57.

Other results: Luther Johnson, Oakland, Negro lightweight, went to the post twice and came out victorious in each battle. First, he defeated Tiger Burns, a newcomer, in four and later returned to decision Willie "Kid Choc" Tindwell in four. The latter bout was a rough encounter.

In the semi-final, Ernie Sanchez, local featherweight, and Billy Brent, hard-fighting Negro, went six to a draw. Brent boxed his edge, as Sanchez used a body attack. Gene Brown and Tony Nieves slugged four-rounds with the former winning the verdict.

Ray Salas, Berkeley, lightweight, received an unpopular ten-round verdict over Alejandro Vega, Mexican clown-pleaser, in the top match at the Oakland Auditorium.

The spectators, who contributed to a $3,355 house gross, figure Vega had enough for a draw, as he rallied fast in spots. However, most ringsiders thought Salas had a clear edge. Ray won some rounds by big margins with his boxing skills and rights to the head and body. Vega fought back hard at times to get the eye of the fans.

Weights: Salas, 138; Vega, 142.

Prelims: Top Row Allen, 154, went six fast rounds to a draw with Red Rasmussen, 154, in the semi-windup. The boys went to it at a hot pace; Billy Brent, 128½, won an easy decision over Joey Mace, 127½, veteran, in six rounds; Gene Brown, 150, won over Al McDonald, 155, in four rounds of the opener.

Referees were Jimmy Evans in the main-event and Jimmy Duffy in the prelims.

Al Spencer, New Orleans, Negro, stepped in as a sub and turned in an upset by defeating Eddie Hudson, San Francisco, lightweight, in the headliner at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. Hudson has been fighting mains at big clubs in the southland and was a big favorite over his sub foe, but was beaten nicely. The bout went the full ten-rounds. Weights: Spencer, 139; Hudson, 135.

In the semi-final, Ciro Zurita, 128, Mexico, decisioned Al Rodriquez, 130, San Jose, in six; Tony Chanez, 140, outclassed Sane Kilikini, 145, Honolulu, in four; Sid Jones, 160, and Al McDonald, 155, drew in the opener.

Paul Lewis, Oakland favorite, whipped Leo (The Lion) Turner, Portland, middleweight champ, in ten lively rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Turner had just licked an-out-of-condition Paulie Peters in the Rose City and was expected to give Lewis a far better tussle then he did. The hometown lad won eight rounds, Leo (The Tamed Lion) two. The fifth and tenth went to the latter. Turner is a slugger, but on this occasion could hardly inflict any damage on this cagier foe. However, he did manage to land a few sockeroos which made the scrap interesting. At times, Lewis outpunched him four to one.

The referee was Fred Bottaro, of Sacramento. He replaced Billy Burke, who's on the suspended list.

Weights: Lewis, 158½, Turner, 159. Gross receipts were $6,499.62.

Irish Johnny Taylor, 153, Oakland veteran, and Pedro Jiminez, 154, of Vallejo, went to a hotly contested eight round draw. The bout was a popular one, with a just verdict.

Red Rasmussen, 155, Sacramento Navy lad, won over Eddie Halligan, 153½, Oakland clown, in six, Cleve O'Kelley, 150, took care of Rubin Flores, 158, in the four round opener.

Paul (Fancy Pants) Reguejo, 128, classy featherweight, out-classed Billy Reed, Eastern Negro, in the ten-round main event at the Civic Auditorium in San Jose. Rekayo formerly went under the moniker of Reguejo, but recently changed it to Rekayo. He did a neat job on Reed, an Atlantic Coast cutie.

Prelims: Sid Jones, 155, flattened Sgt. Duke Wright, 163, in a thriller in four rounds. First one then the other would take the lead, but Jones put over the final blow; Tony Chanez, San Jose, lightweight, stopped Lee Walker, 150, Negro, in three rounds; Pert Ross, 153, halted Manuel Villa, 151, in one heat.

Oakland Billy Smith, the roughhouse kid himself, revenged a previous defeat by outclassing Newsboy Millich, Sacramento's bad boy rejuvenated, in a ten-round battle at the Oakland Auditorium. Millich hit the deck in the opening canto for an eight count. Smith followed this up by cutting his opponent's left eye in the second. After this, Newsboy never figured in the winning, for Oakland Billy smeared the former's face with left jabs and had him on the run.

Several times the Sacramenton claimed low blows, but such was not the case. His best round was the fifth, however, even in this stanza he was unable to do any damage.

Weights: Smith, 174½; Millich, 180.

House Gross was $7,450.

In the semi-final Jackie Burke, 171, showed speed, ability, and class, in pummelling Al Sheridan, 179, Indianapolis, Negro, for six sessions. Burke, a Navy lad, hails as a real comer and is handled by Tommy Cillo; Abel Lucero, 134, Fresno, stopped popular Joe Gorman, 135, in the fifth. It seems Gorman's parent died during the week and he was unable to put forth his best efforts; Chuck McKell, 159, knocked out Lee Walker, 155, easily in the second.

Tony Olivera, classy hometown bantam, punched out a clear victory over Jorge Robles, Mexican contender for the title, in the feature at the Coliseum Bowl. Boxing returned to San Francisco on this night after a two-week layoff due to amateur tournaments. Olivera won via a TKO in the tenth of a scheduled twelve rounder. It was his farewell bout, for Tony left to box on the Eastern seaboard for awhile.

However, in winning the Frisco boy didn't have an easy time, in fact, the rugged Robles was in front at the end of the fifth. The latter forcing the issue, seldom let Tony punch from long range and in close did a neat job of tying up his opponent.

The sixth was a stormy round for both battlers, Olivera in an effort to make the Mexican trade blows receipted a few on the jaw, but returned with a two-fisted attack which bewildered Robles and took plenty out of him. From then on it was all the Portuguese lad.

In the ninth, he floored the lad from over the border with a left hook to the body. However, the bell rang before a count could be made. In the tenth, Olivera pummelled his foe with assorted blows and Referee Frankie Brown wisely called halt.

Olivera scaled 121, Robles, 120. The gate was $4,680.19, below expectations. Part of the proceeds, plus a ringside collection, was donated to Angelo A. Fusco and his Salesian Boys' Club.

The semi-final was between two south-paws. Junior Washington, San Diego, and Larry Carter, Frisco, with the former winning the decision. The boys went at a fast pace with Junior copping four rounds. Another corker saw Tommy Groh, ex-Golden Glover, turned pro and making a terrific hit by knocking out Obie Wooten, a newcomer, in two rounds. Wooten dumped his foe early in the first, but found himself in the same embarrassing situation near the close of the same stanza. Groh dropped him again, this for the full count, early in the second.

In the opener, Luther Johnson defeated Bobby Russell in four rounds.

Cleo Shans, Los Angeles, Negro, scored an unpopular ten-round decision over Ray Salas, Berkeley, in the main go at the Oakland Auditorium. The verdict rendered by Referee Jimmie Evans was not approved by the majority of the fans. This corner scored it, Salas 56, Shans 54.

Salas had two big rounds, the fourth and sixth. He jabbed, hooked and cross-punched Shans around repeatedly. In the sixth he cut Cleo's mouth with left hands which seldom missed their mark. The latter pinned the Berkeley boy on the ropes, and threw right hands into his side.

The boys really went to it in the ninth and after two minutes, the Los Angeles lad landed a left hook below the belt, dropping Salas to his knees. Referee Evans gave the latter a two-minute rest. The low blow took plenty out of Ray, for the Negro outhustled him in the tenth. Shans kept on top of his foe in this round and banged away with both fists. Weight: Salas, 137, Shans, 138. Gross gate was $5,582.84.

The semi-windup recorded an upset when Frankie Moore, 138, Oakland, Negro, kayoed Jimmy Florita, 139, Stockton Filipino, in the fifth round. Moore dropped his opponent for a nine count, and finished him off with a terrific right to the jaw; Pete Lakovich, 189, Fresno favorite, scored another upset by stopping Al Lobos, 185, San Jose, Negro veteran, in the first. Lobos hit the deck four times. Bobby Silva, 155, defeated Eddie Mahoney, 155, in four rounds.

The Pacific Association A.A.U. boxing finals were fought off before a packed house at the Civic Auditorium. Four nights of amateur boxing provided many thrills. The San Francisco *Examiner* again was the sponsor and Eddie Muller, local sports writer, did a great job as matchmaker.

Two slugging heavyweights with many backers fought a furious ten-round draw at National Hall. The two heavyweights—Al Ware, 208-pound Oaklander, and Harold Blackshear, 203, Negro favorite.

The latter had won in a previous engagement, but Ware has reduced twenty pounds and gained plenty of fighting spirit, plus being in good condition.

Blackshear beat out a body attack continually, but Ware whaled away to the body and head. The Oaklander clung on at times from the body blows, but fought back. Hal won the opening four rounds, but ran into looping rights to the jaw in the sixth and seventh. In a wild tenth Ware copped a wide margin and a draw from Referee Frankie Carter. House gross gated $1,500.

Top Row Allen, 155, won a TKO over Charley O'Kelley, 154, in the fifth round. The boys went at it hammer and tongs. In the semi-final, Larry Carter, 162, Negro southpaw, kayoed Duke Wright, 165, in two minutes of the first round. Eddie Mahoney, 160, got no more than a draw with Eddie Anderson, 155. Mahoney had many Navy lads rooting him home.

Jackie Ryan, local Irish favorite, got a ten-round decision over Chino Rodriquez, Los Angeles, Mexican, at the Coliseum Bowl. Fans went for the crowd-pleasing Mexican and booed the verdict for Ryan. However, the latter won the last canto and the nod from Referee Frankie Carter. Jackie failed to show his usual rapid left jabs and wasn't in the best of condition.

Rodriquez, a switch-hitter, had a slight edge going into the eighth frame. In the seventh he caught the Irish lad with a half-dozen left hooks to the body. Ryan forced the issue for the remainder of the scrap and managed to edge his opponent in the eighth, hold even in the ninth, and win the final chapter. His effective punches in these stanzas were uppercuts to the head and body.

Ryan scaled 154, Rodriquez, 150.

Duane Everett, 153, Navy lad, won a close six-round duke over Gene Brown, 150; Tommy Grok, 176½, made his second pro bout a success by flattening Calvin Johnson, 172, Stockton, Negro, in the opening round. A sharp right hand uppercut decked the Negro for the full count. In the opener, Eddie Mahoney, 158, knocked out Lee Walper, 154, in the second.

George "Sugar" Costner lived up to his eastern reputation, and made his California debut a banging success by completely out-classing Chester Slider, the Fresno heat wave, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Costner, lanky Chicagoan who packs a hefty punch, had Slider on the deck three times, and was down once himself, in the furious setto. House gross fell far short of expectations, only hitting $9,752.30.

The third session provided the thrills of the night, for in this round, Costner dumped the Fresnoan for a seven count with a right to the button. The Sugar boy whaled with both fists at Slider, but the latter uncorked a right to the jaw flooring his opponent for eight seconds. The fans were cheering wildly!

In the fourth, the Chicagoan nailed Chet with a right to the chin and dropped him for a no-count. In the sixth, the same thing happened. A whistling right dumped the local lad into the ropes again, he arose before a count could be started.

Slider, who was expected to do his best work in close, was unable to hand many damaging blows as he was tied up by his crafty foe continually. When he got in close in the later rounds the invader would unleash a two-fisted rally digging left hooks to the body and crossing rights to the head. Sugar Kid scaled 149, Slider, 146.

Ross Romero, 147, returned to the ring, by winning over Pedro Jiminez, 150, in an eight-heater. The customers booed Referee Fuffy's verdict, a draw might have been more satisfactory.

Charlie Catos, 160, Oakland Negro, kayoed Booker T. Washington, 153, in the fifth of a slugging sixer. The boys threw science out the window and let the fur fly, before Booker fell flat out; Al Salas, 142½, knocked out Lee Walker, 149½, in the opening round.

Short Jabs: The California Boxing Commission got its biggest boost in many moons, when Governor Earl Warren appointed Dave Steveson, San Francisco business man, who knows boxing insideout, to succeed Ed Pencevich, whose term expired December 31. This corner believes the Governor Warren couldn't have made a better choice, for Steveson is a hard-worker, straight

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booter, and knows what he's talking about. . . . We send our deepest regrets to Hy Levy, editor of "The Referee and Redhead," California boxing weekly, for Levy's dad passed away during the last month at the age of ninety. . . . Also our regrets to the family of Bobby Johnson, well loved Seals' baseball trainer, who passed away in the last few weeks. Johnson was an ex-pugilist, referee, judge, baseball trainer, and jack-of-all-trades. All of his many, many, friends will miss him. . . . Georgie Duke, crowd-pleasing Petaluma middleweight, is now doing his bit for Uncle Sam. Duke recently won the 160 pound title in an elimination tourney Somewhere in the Pacific. He gathered six fights to gain highest laurels. He will be remembered for his pier 6 brawls at National Hall. . . . Jackie Ryan, Irish local battler, made a hit in Portland by fighting the Rose City's pride, Leo (The Lion) Turner, to a draw in ten frames. Ryan returns to fight Turner soon.

Junior Washington, San Diego youngster, has made many friends since coming here to box. He is being handled by Leo Hill, manager of Al Couture. Washington looms as a dandy of a prospect. . . . Angelo A. Fusco, director of the Salesian Boys' Club in our city has done much to clear North Beach, the once dreaded district of juvenile delinquency. Believe me, Mr. Fusco deserves much praise for his fine doings in the Catholic Youth Club. All sports from boxing to baseball, football, basketball, pool, ping-pong, and others too numerous to mention are enjoyed in this club. . . . Frankie Moore, Oakland, Negro lightweight, has made many strides in the last month and will headline in the bay area soon. . . . A standout battler is Frankie Gimbell, Oakland, middleweight, now fighting in Portland. Gimbell has a fine winning stretch. . . . Mario Sampinato, local trainer and manager, has passed his physical. . . . Billy Burke, Oakland referee, who was suspended following the loss of his scorecard in the Slider-Armstrong engagement at Oakland, has been reinstated. . . . This writer's name is: Bob Valli, 1910 Mason Street, San Francisco 11, California.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

PORT WAYNE, IND., swung back into action when Bruff Cleary, sports promoter, staged a show with Billy Parsons, Chicago welter, and Sammy Mack, Columbus, O., welterweight, topping the card. Parsons packed too many guns for Mack and stopped the Buckeye belter in the first heat. Mack just got back from the Islands after being eighteen months overseas and was not in good condition.

The semi-final was the fight of the evening. Bishop Murphy, Chicago, light-heavyweight, and Ted Woodyard, Columbus light-heavy, went after each other like a couple of bears with Woodyard getting the nod in six rounds.

Joe Basco, Akron manager, is having his troubles these days with his good heavyweight, Ira Hughes. Just when Ira was going along nicely, winning fights and having plenty of booking, he hurt his shoulder in his last fight with Giles at Akron, and the referee stopped the fight, giving Giles a T.K.O.

Willard Rice, who at one time was a very good welterweight around this part of the country, has returned from Europe after sixteen months over there.

Willie Davies, Negro, six-footer, who tips the beam at 190, is back in the gym and will try a comeback. Bouncing Bob Arther, heavy, is seeking action.

Harry Hartman, matchmaker for the new boxing club sponsored by Mr. Schlattman, gave the Cincinnati fans their first show for over two years and his card was packed with action. His ten-round top fight between Bud Clark of Cincinnati and Buddy Rose, a soldier stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., was a dandy. After ten fast rounds Rose was given the duke. It looked closer to the writer

The semi-final between Sammy Mack, Columbus, Ohio, and Tippy Ransom, Cincinnati, Ohio, was close and fast, with Ransom getting the nod. A six-round fight between Norman Russell, Columbus, Ohio, welterweight, and Jack Payne, Huntington, W. Va., was a good fight as long as it lasted. Payne carried too much ammunition for Norman, who is just a beginner and Payne won via the T.K.O. route in the third round.

Sparky Reynolds, Indianapolis, welterweight, has been taking a little vacation since stopping Mutt Schwartz at Dayton, Ohio.

The fight game is hopping and popping around this part of the country. Cincinnati, Dayton, Akron, Muncie, Fort Wayne and Anderson have the ball rolling. This is the first time in years so many clubs have been open to the public.

Franky Ivon, who used to fight under the Twentieth Century Boxing Club of Columbus, Ohio, is now in the big fight. Franky is a gunner on a B-24 Liberator and is stationed at Walla Walla. He is about ready for overseas competition.

Willie Russell, who has been fighting in the welterweight class, though only weighing around 138 and 139, has decided to take off a couple more pounds and fight in the lightweight class.

On April 23, Russell, who had won four straight in Pittsburgh, was matched with Reno Cantro, a good-looking little Cuban fighter managed by Bobby North. Reno also had showed in Pittsburgh twice and in his last bout, he stopped Joe Miller of Buffalo, N. Y., in two heats. It looked like a natural fight, but the Cuban went out in the second.

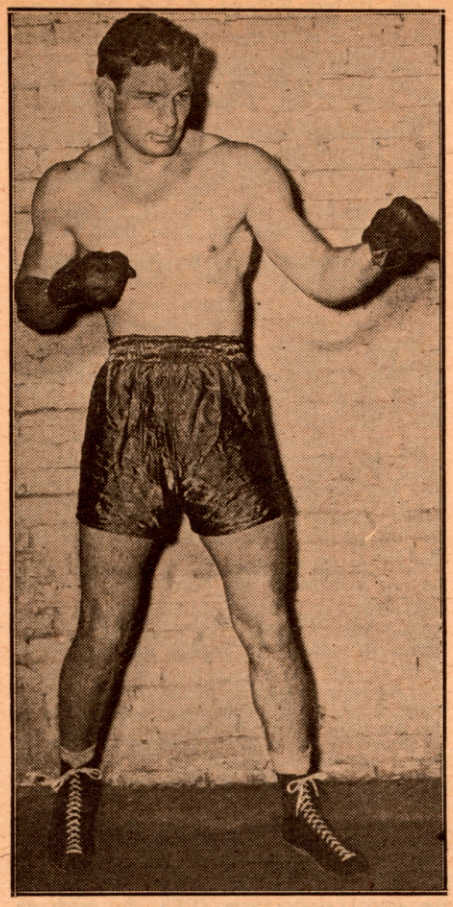
The writer is now booking bouts for Al Patterson, who weighs 210 pounds and stands six feet two inches tall. Patterson is from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Phil Schartz, after fourteen years of competition in the ring, has decided to hang them up and call it a day.

Jack Payne, West Virginia, who just recently turned pro, looks the best of all amateurs turning pro here to date.

Gene Gudgill, Dayton, welterweight, has decided to make a comeback.

At Fort Wayne, Ind., April 27—Bruff Cleary promoted his second show of the season with a capacity crowd on hand to see the action. Dave Bruce, Bear Field Army Post, which is just a few miles out of Fort Wayne, got the nod in ten rounds over Young Fowler of Chicago, Ill. Most fans thought the fight should have been a draw.



Buddy Scott, king of the Dixie heavyweights, recently returned to the ring wars after a layoff, moved back into the heavyweight championship contender class by being named tenth best in the world by "RING."

Johnny Hanison's fights at Akron are drawing well. Hanison would like to hear from good fighters. Reach him at 109 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio.

It looks like Cincinnati is on the way back after two and a half years layoff.

The Cincinnati Boxing Commission, composed of all businessmen—Dr. Wilzbach, chairman, George Murphy, secretary, assisted by Al Bechtold, Walton Bachrack, Sam Caldwell, Oscar Frank and Doug Allen, go out of their way to help promoter, manager or fighter. The commission is one of the smoothest operating in Ohio.

Jack Hoster, Mickey Goodwin, Bob Kepler, Al Gahn, Kid Smith, the fighting O'Dowds, Phil, Mike and Eddie, are all in defense plants.

All information in this part of the country will be answered if postage is included. Write Less Huffman, Route 1, Pickerington, Ohio, or P. O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

PORTLAND, OREGON, BOXING NOTES

By JACK McCALLUM

PORTLAND—"Snooks" Lacey of New Haven, Conn., made his Portland ring debut a good one, even if he did lose a close decision to Johnny Suarez in a fast ten-rounder. The house gross was $4030. Three fighting Marines from Klamath Falls, Oregon, barracks, all veterans of the South Seas fighting against the Japs, were a riot on the card. Marine Charlie Harris K.O.'ed Leo Sherlock in two rounds. Marine Lito Perez K.O.'ed Frenchy Chenault in one round and Marine Johnny Gates decisioned Johnny Sullivan in a torrid six-rounder.

Spokane, Wash.—Coming from behind after losing seven rounds in a row to "Speedy" Cannon, slugging Negro, Frankie Gimbel finally succeeded in landing his dynamite left hook on Cannon and won by a T.K.O. in the ninth round. Referee Bud Oliver stopped it after Cannon had hit the canvas for the third time in the ninth stanza. The house gross was $3000.

Portland—Leo Turner of Portland and Jackie Ryan of San Francisco battled to a thrilling ten-round draw. Gate, $4189 gross. "Moose" Kennedy decisioned Dave Johnston in a dismal ten-round heavyweight bout.

Portland—Johnny Suarez made it seven wins in a row here by defeating "Irish" Johnny Taylor in ten rounds. Gross receipts, $3037. Powder Proctor T.K.O.'ed Marine Johnny Gates in four rounds. Marine Charlie Harris decisioned Jerry Brown, and Marine Lito Perez lost the decision to LeRoy Durst in four rounds.

Tacoma, Wash.—Will Maylon reopened the boxing game in Tacoma with two great shows. Pedro Montez of the Army, at Fort Lewis, knocked out "Duke" Harris in three rounds. Gross receipts, $1600.

In the second show, a double main event bill, Lloyd Rolph and Booker Ellis fought a good ten-round draw and Sailor Warren decisioned Jim Bradford of Akron, Ohio, in ten rounds. Gross receipts, $1600. Joe Waterman of Portland was guest of honor at the show.

Portland—On May 4 Joe Kahut of the Navy, 181 pounds, knocked out Jack Dillich of San Francisco, 180 pounds, in the third round. The sailor punched too hard for his game opponent, floored Dillich three times and crushed the big Slav with a terrific left hook to the mouth which brought a stream of blood. Leo Turner decisioned Jackie Ryan of San Francisco in ten rounds. "Powder" Proctor knocked out Johnny Sullivan in the first round of a thriller. Receipts, $9733 gross.

Bremerton, Wash.—"Snooks" Lacey, New Haven Negro, lambasted Young Midget Wolgast to a fare-thee-well to win an easy decision from the Bremerton Negro in ten rounds. It was very one-sided. Lacey is about the best piece of fighting machinery seen here in many years. Gate, $2100 gross.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOXING NEWS

By PVT. TOM EPHREM

Somewhere in Italy

KHORRAMSHAHR, IRAN — Age doesn't count. At least it didn't when the Inter-Allied Boxing Tourney ended in this area. A 38-year-old soldier heavyweight, Joe Marino, of New York, proved it. The medical officer examiner told Joe he was too old to enter the meet and thus turned him down. Marino didn't accept this medical kayo, but went straight ahead to the Commanding Colonel and laid the facts down to the officer. He told the Colonel that if he was too old to fight, he was too old to be overseas. The Colonel put the okay on Joe and the "Ole Man" won the heavyweight title.

(IN ITALY)—The story on Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and the soldier who dared loss of his eyesight so he could see the champion when the latter was touring England some months ago with his boxing troupe, was given considerable credit in the "Negro Digest," writes Sgt. Jimmy Geary, with the U.S. Forces in Italy. The story first appeared several issues previously in The Ring Magazine, and the Digest requested its reprint which The Ring Editor granted.

(ITALY)—We need the help of Milwaukeeans, particularly in the boxing game. In our locality, is an Italian soldier who seeks the whereabouts of his cousin, Vincent Roland, Milwaukee amateur boxer, now serving overseas with the U.S. Forces. The Italian soldier is Conigliaro Cosimo, and he has a boxing pose photo of Vincent, whose real name is Vincente Yallo. Through an Italian interpreter, I understand Vincent's mother, Mrs. Anna Yallo, resides on East Michigan Street, Milwaukee. The youthful Italian soldier is anxious to learn about his cousin through The Ring. He has never seen him but believes he is near him Somewhere in Italy, and hopes to meet him. Vincent was born in Sicily and entered America when a youngster. Please send the information to, Pvt. Tom Ephrem, 34247550, C/O Nat Fleischer, Editor, The Ring Magazine, Madison Square Garden Arcade, New York, New York.

(ROME, ITALY)—Billy Cavanaugh, the boxing coach for West Point, who is giving pointers to servicemen at the Central Sports School in Rome, is a grand old veteran of the fight game. He had more than 300 bouts including the winning of the Canadian Middleweight Diadem. Cavanaugh left the ring in 1906, and became boxing instructor at several gymnasiums until 1915, including his own, at 100th and Broadway, in New York City. Later he became the boxing coach at West Point, and still teaches there. He is also a New York State referee.

(MARSEILLES, FRANCE)—American and French boxers made it most entertaining for the 10,000 fans who packed the bull ring in Marseilles and none could have asked for a better day's fun, nor more action than the fistic festival offered by S/Sgt. Bill Baranoff. The results:

Earl Syas, 144, U.S. Army, won over Sauma, 147, French Navy, in 3 rounds; Walter Robinson, 125, U.S. Army, beat Jean Viale, 127, French Navy, in 3 rounds; Earl Eppinger, 195, U.S. Army, drew with Roosevelt Young, 205, U.S. Army; Clarence Jones, 146, U.S. Army, drew with Harvey Barnes, 145, U.S. Army; Walter Bantum, 165, U. S. Army, drew with LeRoy Peoples, 167, U. S. Army; Bob Ewing, 130, U.S. Army, drew with Remorini, 134, French Navy; Joe Di Martino, 148, U.S. Army, boxed an exhibition with Kid Marcel, French Welterweight contender, both professional fighters.

About the action—Remorini survived a first round knockdown that looked like curtains for him, and came back to plant a left hook on Ewing's jaw that sent the latter's mouthpiece flying into the audience. The blow left Ewing out on his feet, and Bob, grabbing and holding, saved himself from certain disaster. They fought evenly all the way. Eppinger weathered a rough first round, and got his heavy artillery going in the third when he had Young groggy and reeling. Eppinger tired himself out with all his blasting and couldn't finish his man.

Syas is an up-and-coming youngster. A raw novice late last year, he has been coming along like a house afire. The GI's respect this welterweight's ability.

Di Martino looked good in his exhibition with Kid Marcel, a seasoned bet, who can really box. The boys used 12 ounce gloves.

At the beginning of the show, Di Martino and Marcel took posts on opposite sides of the bull ring, at the flagpoles, and raised their respective country's flag while the 90 piece French Police Band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "French National Anthem." Officials: Promoter, matchmaker, and announcer, Bill Baranoff. Judges: T/Sgt. "Salty" Salters and Captain Gilbert Tomskey. Timers: Cpl. Jim McMenamin and Captain Nathanson. Referee: Andre Esparaguerra.

Cpl. Leo Matriciani of Baltimore captured the European theatre heavyweight boxing championship on April 20, at Albert Hall in London by outpointing Cpl. Willard Reed of Indianapolis, Ind., before 4,000.

Pfc. Herbert Williams of New Orleans won the lightweight crown, knocking out Cpl. Trinidad Marques of El Paso, Tex., in thirty seconds of the first round.

The results in the other divisions:

Light-heavyweight—Sgt. Aaron Kahn, Brooklyn, defeated Sgt. James Wade, Birmingham, Mich.

Welterweight—Seaman 2/c Lee Walker, St. Louis, defeated Sgt. Al Deacon, Providence, R. I.

Middleweight—Seacan 1/c Roy Chambers, Cambridge, Mass., defeated Cpl. Tommy Carbonaro, Brooklyn.

Flyweight—Pfc. Howard Mareno, Santa Barbara, Calif., defeated Cpl. Babe Butea, Uniontown, Pa.

Featherweight—Sgt. Ray Wyzykiewicz, Buffalo, N. Y., defeated Pfc. Vincent Padila, San Bernardino, Calif.

Cpl. Billy Conn is now stationed in Paris as a boxing instructor. Also stationed in Paris is Cpl. Buddy Gomer, Cpl. Verne La Cross, and Pvt. Archie Hatcher, all with the Signal Corps. Gomer is a former Mississippi Valley AAU Middleweight Champion and former St. Paul, Minn., pro star. He won several titles in the army out California way before coming overseas.

Cpl. La Cross hails from Turlock, Calif., and boxed on the same team as did Cpl. Gomer when they were stationed out in California. La Cross is a former San Francisco Golden Gloves Middleweight Champion. Since coming overseas last October, he has won all eight of his fights here in Paris.

Pvt. Archie Hatcher hails from southern Kansas, and boxed pro lightweight about five years ago.

Pfc. Ed. Breon, amateur heavyweight from Albion, Nebr., who held an army title in California, is stationed in London with the Signal Corps.

(LONDON, ENGLAND)—Pfc. "King Tut" Tabor, a promising middleweight and product of the American Forces overseas, one of the best performers seen in the European Theater of Operations, and that can go for any theater, has agreed to be managed by Billy Conn when the war is over. Tabor has won 38 out of 39 bouts.

(SOMEWHERE IN ITALY)—The Peninsular Base Sector boxing team had things all its own way in triumphing over the 8th Replacement boys and featured its 6 to 2 win with two knockouts. Two thousand soldier fight fans crowded the special service gym (PBS) to watch an excellent fistic show. Pvt. Anthony Trotta (8th) of Providence, R. I., got the call over Pvt. Arnold Johnson, Kansas City; Pfc. Lloyd Virdure, of New Orleans, La., scored a kayo over Pfc. John Enginias, in 3; Cpl. Tommy Young, St. Louis, decisioned Pvt. Frank J. Decarle, of Plattsburgh, N. Y.; Cpl. Rand Davis, Jr., a promising boy, outpointed Pvt. Leonard White, of Jackson, Mich.; S/Sgt. Emmett Tucker, Little Rock, Ark., chalked up a knockout at the expense of Cpl. Edwin J. Kolb, of Astoria, L. I., and the end came in the first round. Pvt. Ios Providence, of Pittsburgh, representing the 8th Depot, achieved the best victory for his team, a kayo in the second over Cpl. Sam Gardner, Philadelphia; Pvt. Billy Miles beat Sgt. Forano; Sgt. Henry Jones, Detroit, beat Sgt. King.

(ROME, ITALY)—A baby boy was born to Pete and Mrs. Rosetti, in Rome recently. Pete, in 1934, won the National AAU Featherweight Championship. He is an employee at the Allied Officers' Apollo club here.

(CAIRO, EGYPT)—Mickey Walker, former Welterweight and Middleweight Champ of the world, arrived in Cairo, at this writing, with his troupe under the USO. Accompanying him is Joe Baso, the well known punching bag artist. Mickey signed up to tour the Middle East for six months, but thought he was signing for only six weeks, and now is mighty lonesome for home. It's one thing the Mick couldn't understand how he got his six weeks tangled up with six months. As the Rumson Bulldog said, "Jack Kearns always did my signing for me in the old days. Maybe I should have called him up."

As to boxing, Walker believes the name fighters after the war will be those whom you never heard of. The present champs will have a tough time of it. Getting around to the principal fighters in the forces, as Joe Louis and Billy Conn, Mickey feels that the loss of Jack Blackburn will handicap the heavyweight champion and says that Louis also will be affected by too much weight. The weight angle is ditto for Conn, likewise many others in uniform.

Topping all prospects the former welter and middleweight king has seen, is a southern lad, Bill Thompson, of Raleigh, N. C. Thompson, a heavy boy, scaling 190, is always in good shape, boxes well and is a good hitter. Walker says to keep an eye on him and to remember the name.

(ROME, ITALY)—George T. White, New Haven, Conn., sports figure is in Rome to help at the sports school clinic. He was prominent in all sports, and also promoted boxing in his home city.

(IN ENGLAND)—There's a claim that the strongest man in the world is an American soldier overseas, serving in Britain. His name is Private T. Hasapes. Hasapes is proud of his prowess and shows as a wrestler. His chief claim to fame is that he has never been defeated in America, and that goes for in England, too. He recently won two.

(TO FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM T. LANZ, SOMEWHERE IN ITALY)—Joe Louis and Tommy Farr met only once and Joe won the decision and retained his heavyweight crown. The bout took place August 30, 1937, in New York and they went for 15 rounds.

Reading in the April issue of The Ring Magazine of how my pal, Cal Cagni, Cresskill, New Jersey, welterweight contender and boxing instructor at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, rescued a woman from drowning at Jacksonville Beach, recalls the names of two other pals, the late Tommy Tucker and Georgie Abrams who performed heroic deeds in Jacksonville. Tucker rescued two women and a service officer from drowning at the same beach while Abrams saved a pilot's life when he pulled him out of the burning plane, that seconds later exploded. Cagni makes the third in the popular group of Tucker, Steve Belloise, Frankie Poreda, Al Nettlow, Cagni, and Abrams, to save a human life. All were at the same station. Now, Cagni alone remains there.

(ROME, ITALY)—Pfc. Larry Cisneros, prominent boxer, is working with the Central Sports School here. The New Mexico mauler is under the popular West Point and New York boxing figure, Billy Cavanaugh. Larry has been affiliated with this sports school for several months. He is keeping in the best trim possible by daily morning runs and gym work at noon, getting ready for some action in his area for the boys. The hard fighting welterweight, one of the ranking men previous to service entry, is being primed to aid post war boxing entertainment in his locality.

(ENGLAND)—Overseas only a short time—five weeks to be exact, Sgt. George Herbert, 19-year-old Chicago youth, received a non-com rating and the Air Medal for his work as an aerial gunner on a flying fortress. Youthful George flies with the double F's from England to Germany, and is carrying on the work left by his dear brother, the late Pvt. John Ray Herbert, who fell in the action at St. Lo, France, last July. Ray was among the boxers who gave their lives for democracy. Their father, Mike Herbert, is president of the Air Corps Fathers' club of Chicago. During the Sixth War Loan Drive, last December, Mike took Jack Dempsey, Lou Ambers, and Caesar Romero, of the movies, on a tour of the war plants and hospitals in Chicago.

(HAWAII)—Leo Center, gifted Savannah, Georgia, light-heavyweight, and Joe Dinerman, also from Savannah, and one of the best amateurs from Dixie, met in Hawaii recently. Dinerman, a hard hitting welterweight, has returned to ring competition and is doing fine work. This news is sent in from their pal, Sgt. Al Hornstein, same city, now in Italy with the Fifth Army.

(IN ITALY)—Former Heavyweight Champion Jack Sharkey's selections of his best opponents, in order, caused quite a bit of comment and fire here in our area. The ex-gob placed the present heavyweight titlist, Joe Louis, seventh on his list, and to the boys here, Sharkey is still the same garrulous gob. the majority did not doubt that Dempsey was a better man, in opinion, over Louis, but when Sharkey placed Young Stribling and Tommy Loughran over Louis, that's when the fireworks started. Why Sharkey listed Stribling, who fought a stinker with him, and why the ex-gob had Loughran, whom Sharkey kayoed very early, way ahead of Louis, is a big mystery, unless he is talking out of his hat.

Chris "Ginger" Foran, Liverpool, England, boxer, now a naturalized American citizen, is a commissioned officer in our forces.

(ENGLAND) — Claude Dennington, coming English welterweight, is being handled by Ted "Kid" Lewis, one time world's welterweight champion. Dennington at one time held the British Army amateur 135 pound championship and now is undefeated in the pro ranks. Once an ABA boxer, he fought for the well known London club, "Fitzroy Lynn."

(LAHORE, INDIA)—Three American boxers appeared in the Allied All-India Boxing Championships, and did well in their debut. Johnny Miller, amateur lightweight, beat Ivor George, of England, when George suffered a cut eye in the second round. Miller thus went to the finals and there he won over Captain Henry Darby, of England, for the title, Pvt. R. Holway, U.S.A., was defeated by Lieutenant Cowell, of England, but Cowell in turn lost to Negro American heavyweight, John Mays.

(MARSEILLES, FRANCE) — The Capitole Theatre, in the last joint promotion between DBS Special Service and Port Special Service, was the scene of a well balanced fight card, and in the main event, Joe Di Martino, of Bridgeport, Conn., decisively won over Thaddeus Lee, Negro Louisiana Larruper, a three rounder. Joe weighed 150, Lee, 143.

The week before, Jimmy Coleman, 174, registered a third round knockout over Clyde Urqu

hart, 169. Coleman is an outstanding boxer in the Southern Area of France. He is the best kid that Promoter-Matchmaker Bill Baranoff has seen since overseas. Coleman's style is something in the order of Henry Armstrong, and his hitting power is terrific. Jimmy is a California boy and was compiling an impressive record when Uncle Sam beckoned. His younger brother, Spencer Coleman, is a good scrapper also.

(SOMEWHERE IN INDIA)—Trust my swell pal and cousin Ricky Saieg, to circulate THE RING Magazine among his pals in India. Ricky, who recently was made Private First Class, turns his copy, received through the courtesy of Nat Fleischer, to his pals to pass along.

(ABOARD THE H.M.S. VICTORIAN)—Seaman Dick Futter, of His Majesty's Navy, writes in that almost all the top-class amateurs in the United Kingdom are turning professional. Dick further says: "Some of them step straight from the Lily-Whites into top-of-the-bill bouts at some of our big halls." The situation is about the very same in our own America, Dick, and it's the money and shortage of talent that can be best given as causes.

(TO PFC. LOUIS DI-ANDREA—SOMEWHERE IN ITALY)—Arturo Godoy weighed 202 when he fought Joe Louis in their first. The lightest fighters to clash with Joe were: Billy Conn at 174; John Henry Lewis at 180; and Al McCoy also at 180.

(TO PFC. ANTHONY FOUNTAIN—SOMEWHERE IN ITALY)—Joe Louis attracted million dollar gates when he fought Max Baer and also when he met Max Schmeling in their second encounter. The Baer fight reached over a million including the radio, but a little less without it.

(ITALY)—It will be four or five years after the end of the European war before Italy will come up with any first-rate professional boxers in the opinion of Mario Lenzi, heavyweight champion of Italy in 1933. He points out that Italians have done very little boxing during the war and the champions before the conflict will be too old to regain their laurels. An entire new crop must be developed.

Lenzi is now employed as a caretaker of sport facilities at an American Red Cross club, located a short distance from the front. His facilities include tennis, badminton, basketball, volley ball and horseshoe pitching courts in addition to a boxing ring, running track and outdoor ping-pong tables.

Although his first love is boxing, Lenzi is busy trying to learn the American team sports. He points out that Italians differ from Americans in that they prefer the individual type of sports such as boxing, wrestling, fencing and running.

Lenzi, whose fighting weight was around 180 pounds, won the Italian title from Emilio Bernasconi in 1933. He was defeated in a title-tournament in 1936 by Vittorio Livan. During the height of his career he journeyed to both North and South America, losing a headline bout to Arturo Godoy in Buenos Aires. He at present is living in the same city with Fidel LaBarba, who appears often as a referee of boxing shows staged by American Army units.

Having seen both Joe Louis and Billy Conn in their Italian exhibitions during the past few months, Lenzi thinks Conn has a good chance of licking Joe—if and when they meet again. He explains that Conn is much faster and apparently in better shape now than is Louis, although he admits that Louis has the strongest punch he has ever seen.

(SIENA, ITALY)—What boxing means to the uniformed men and to Italian civilians in this here area was best told by the estimated 15,000 fans who helped make the initial fight card a great success both in attendance and action involved. They saw the 12th AFSC boxing team overcome the game, subbing 92nd Division squad, with 5 wins out of 6 bouts. The 92nd put in an appearance in place of the 15th Air Force members who were unable to make the trip. The lone triumph came for the losing team when Pvt. Henry Jenkins topped Pvt. Pat Kelly in a three-rounder. The main event, with Sgt. Leon Haire, St. Louis, Missouri, favorite, and Pvt. Cleveland "Spider" Brown mixing in the five rounder, went to the St. Louis kid.

Pvt. Marvin Cumbie, Jacksonville, Florida, welterweight, is a new addition to the boys overseas. In his letter, Marvin said he has been in uniform six months, and arrived somewhere overseas a short while ago.

To Pvt. Leon Comstock, stationed Somewhere in Italy—Joe Louis won the heavyweight championship from Jimmy Braddock, scoring a knockout in the eighth round. Date of the bout, June 22, 1937, and in Chicago. Max Schmeling won on a foul in four rounds from Jack Sharkey, June 12, 1930, at New York. This bout was to determine the successor to Gene Tunney, who retired undefeated after he stopped Tom Heeney, of New Zealand, in the 11th round at New York, July 26, 1928.

(TO CPL. C. BEHM—SOMEWHERE IN ITALY)—Tony Galento is very much alive. Billy Conn and Billy Soose have never fought each other.

(TO PFC. RAY IANELLI AND CPL. FRED CIABURRO—SOMEWHERE IN ITALY)—Tony Canzoneri and Kid Chocolate fought twice, and Tony beat the Kid in 15 rounds at New York City, November 20, 1931, to take the featherweight title. In their second fight, Tony scored a kayo in the second round, November 24, 1933. The *Stars and Stripes* gave you all the wrong information in saying Tony took the lightweight title from Kid Chocolate. It was the featherweight diadem. When Canzoneri won the lightweight championship, he won it from Al Singer with a one round knockout.

(ENGLAND) — Freddie Mills, England's heralded prize package, has left his country's shores for service abroad with the RAF, and this automatically places the proposed return Mills-Jack London tilt on the abandonment list. The postponement is indefinite.

(ABOARD A TRANSPORT IN THE PACIFIC)—Not to be outdone by their brother Marines, Lady Leathernecks kept in best trim and also provided top entertainment by donning the gloves. Pfc. Natalie Slack, of Frenchtown, New Jersey, and Cpl. Dean L. Stidham, of Huntington, West Virginia, were among the ladies who showed their pals how it's done.

(SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE)—Though completely out of shape and short of boxing since he won the Inter-Allied amateur heavyweight title in Algiers, in February, 1944, Pfc. Cecil (Buddy) Shumway, Dallas, Texas, Seventh Army lad, did himself proud in his losing contest with the champion of Southern France. Cecil writes he is about to be transferred into Special Service. No doubt, he will help with the boxing in his area.

(IN FLORENCE, ITALY)—Pvt. Ezzard Charles, Ohio, light-heavyweight contender and recent winner of the Inter-Allied light-heavyweight title in Rome, was a kayo winner in 3 rounds over Bobby Berry, also an Ohioan and early holder of the same class, this in Algiers. Referee for the main event between Charles and Berry was Billy Cavanaugh, the Army boxing coach who is on tour. In other bouts, Pvt. Eddie Dixon beat Pvt. Malcolm Jones, which is regarded as an upset by the fight fraternity here. Pvt. Bernie Cady, youthful Washington, D. C., southpaw lightweight, won a decision over Sgt. Eddie Garland. T/Sgt. Eddie Long beat Cpl. Hendrique Charles, of South Africa. Johnny Capobianca, a local Italian, kayoed Pvt. Mike Veccione in the first round. In the opening bout, Cpl. Henry Espaq, South Africa, defeated Guido Cioline, local Italian, in three heats. Another audience, packing the fight spot, hailed the six-bout card with continuous cheering, knowing its worth.

(ITALY)—T/4 Vince J. Hefferen, a promising Army light-heavyweight, drops in with word that his swell dad, Mr. Hefferen, has subscribed to THE RING Magazine for him and is receiving the boxing Bible each issue. Vince does this corner continuous favors that are deeply appreciated, by sending in boxing news from around his area.

(ROME, ITALY)—While he was in Rome on a trip, T/4 Vince Hefferen, amateur light-heavyweight boxer, ran into Pfc. Larry Cisneros, an outstanding boxer in the Mediterranean Sector, Larry, said Vince, was taking care of the Athletic activities at the Fifth Army rest center and is getting a boxing program ready for the boys. Vince also came across Peter Rabbit, St. Louis boxer, and Sylvester Smith, both Negro U.S. soldiers, and good mitt performers. The latter two are with a Negro Military Police unit. Smith told Vince that Eddie O'Neal, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Negro star, had upset the one and only Mike Montanino, or in Brooklyn, Vinnie Rossano.

Before 18,000 service men Somewhere in the Pacific, Johnny Shkor punched his way to another title, by defeating Joe Rochester in a last minute barrage of heavy blows that found Rochester on the deck once. Fighting his way to the top of the Pacific Ocean Area ladder, which included the Central, Southern, and Western Pacific, Shkor, well known Boston heavyweight, is a boy worth remembering for post war boxing. He has been associated with boxing in the Navy for the past three and one half years.

Frank Poreda, who incidentally just annexed the Northwest heavyweight crown for the second consecutive year by defeating Jack Huber at Seattle, Washington, is another lad to watch. Frankie Poreda in pre-war days, boxed out of Jersey City under the guidance of Billy Reppenhagen, while Johnny Shkor worked out of Boston under the direction of John Buckley.

Watch these two boys, as I guarantee they both will be knocking at the top of the heavyweight ladder when the termination of this war is at last reached. The above item was sent to this corner by Dick Taylor C. Sp. (A), Boxing Director for the Navy.

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BOXING NEWS FROM THE ETO

By PFC. EDMUND O'LEARY

WE have a Rainbow Corners here in Paris too, now, just like in London, where a lot of interesting fights are held. With men like Georges Carpentier, Marcel Thil, Valentine Angelmann, Maurice Huegenin, Maurice Holtzer, and Eduard Tenet passing from the picture, a new hero has entered into the minds of the French people in the person of Marcel Cerdan, the current rage amongst European welters. Cerdan has rung up a long list of kayo victories, and is very popular here.

Here is Paris alone there is plenty of GI fistic talent from the various outfits and units stationed nearby. There is Cpl. Billy Conn, the former light-heavyweight king from Pittsburgh, Pa., who is stationed in Paris as a boxing instructor; Cpl Verne La Cross, a hard-hitting welterweight from Turlock, Calif., who won the San Francisco GG title last year while he was boxing for the Camp Kohler team. Cpl. La Cross has won 8 fights out of 8 for a perfect score in Paris where he is stationed; Cpl. Buddy Gomer, clever and smooth-working former Mississippi Valley AAU middleweight champ, and midwestern middleweight contender, later the middleweight champ of Camp Kohler and light-heavyweight champ of Camp Davis, Cal., is also stationed in Paris. Cpl. Gomer of Sacramento, Cal., is a transplanted St. Paul, Minn., veteran of 87 ring battles. Pvt. Harry Fleming of Baltimore, a former Maryland GG featherweight champ, and hard-hitting pro youngster, is also stationed in Paris. Pvt. Archie Hatcher, former pro lightweight from Independence, Kan., is "Somewhere in Germany" with a Signal Corps outfit. Pvt. Hatcher boxed his last fight several years ago.

In London, there is Pfc. Ed Breon, a hard-hitting heavyweight from Albion, Nebr., who was heavyweight king at Camp Kohler; Pvt. Jesse Porter of Texas, a former Texas GG king and later lightweight champ of Camp Crowder, is also stationed in London with the Signal Corps. Pvt. Porter and Pvt. Fleming used to wage some terrific battles for the Camp Crowder lightweight title, with Porter the victor. Cpl. Gomer and Cpl. La Cross used to work out with each other back in California.

PARIS, FRANCE—Cpl. Buddy Gomer, 171, a little on the fat side around the waist from lack of conditioning, stopped Cudorge Roger Henri, 162, Paris, a former amateur middleweight champion of France, in two heats. Gomer had too much speed and too much reach and height for the stocky, well-built Henri. Gomer counter-punched the hard-hitting Frenchman silly.

BOURAY, FRANCE—Cpl. Buddy Gomer, 169, Paris, journeyed over to nearby Bouray long enough to engage in a three-round decision win over tough Marcel Cervalet, 163; Sgt. Eddie Kelp, 178, whipped Pvt. Al Marc, 181; Pfc. Max Nelson, 220, stopped Cpl. Bob Anderson, 191; Pfc. Irwin Kelly, 132, knocked out Pvt. Henry Jarden, 127, in the first; S/Sgt. Frankie Estanzig, 165, knocked out Pfc. Neal Murphy, 164, in the second; and Sgt. Felipe Villa Ramirez, 144, of Laredo, Tex., a former Camp Kohler boxer, decisioned Pvt. Paul Florian.

PARIS, FRANCE—Nine bouts featured the ARC card at the Palais de Glace in Paris. Pvt. Ed Noverson, 158, kayoed Pfc. Joe Shannon, 156, in 1:42 of the first heat with a left to the chin. Shannon is a lad from Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. Sam Haskins, 137, New York, beat Pfc. Alex Bunton, 137, Taylor, Tex.; Pvt. George Murray, 145, St. Louis, beat Pvt. Theodore Waterhouse, 143, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Pfc. Joseph Branner, 165, E. St. Louis, beat Pvt. Charles Jones, 164, Hempstead, N. Y.; Pvt. Roy Perry, 150, Trenton, N. J., decisioned Pvt. Samuel Short, 149, Philadelphia; Cpl. Eugene Glover, 164, Los Angeles, outpointed Pvt. Terry McGowan, 160, Buffalo; Cpl. Wilton Kemp, 161, Riverside, N. J., outpointed Pfc. Vernon Bell, 162, Los Angeles; Pvt. James Maxwell, 150, Youngstown, Ohio, decisioned Sgt. Willie Miller, 150, Corinth, Miss.; and Pvt. William Jackson, 162, New York, outpointed Pvt. Alger Wilheimer, 163, Pittsburgh.

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MASS BOXING ON TREASURE ISLAND

By ROBERT H. PEREZ BM2/c
Sports Editor Treasure Island "Masthead"

TRADING punches with Uncle Sam's fiery-veined sailors is like loading a gun at the wrong end of the barrel. Water will cool a hot "mushroom" but to a gob who has been brought up on salt air and H_2O it will only add anger and zest.

Gigantic preparedness for the bigger battle is the theme apportioned the Physical Fitness program at the Training and Distribution Center, Treasure Island. Accent on group training is essential for Navy out-put.

Boxing has become the Island's number one sport because of its year around interest. Accessible to every hand on the base and stimulating interest among the 75% of personnel who do not compete in sports, make it that much more valuable to the Navy fitness program. Not one, but three, sock stables encourage the "beak busting" trade.

Treasure Island, Western Sea Frontier Base, and Armed Guard all promote boxing talent. Classes on feinting, punching, foot work, bag punching and other necessary requisites are given to the ring-hopeful in moderate doses.

T. I., with its vast resources, is the melting pot for the boxing sweat that must come from these youthful aspirants as they let off steam by banging each other.

Boxing smokers that play before packed houses of 7000 serve in an intermediate stage of developing. Bleachers must be set up to accommodate the overflow. Enlisted men, officers and guests make up the crowd that watch San Francisco's top referee, Frankie Carter, third man in the bouts.

Here at Treasure Island where the crop is in abundance, a proficient instructor was needed to begin the ball rolling. The Navy answered this with Chief Athletic Specialist Max Marek, one-time conqueror of Joe Louis. His exploits in the field of boxing are many.

His tutelage has helped such boys as Jackie Burke, 12th Naval District champ, Benny Calla, Charley Ross, Henry Anderson and Matt Jiminez along the road to fistic fame.

Classes of 200 go through their paces daily in the spacious T.I. Gym. Two big rings along with the round ring, dozens of punching bags, jump ropes, and plenty of body-building apparatus, keep the bellbottoms in trim.

Over at the Frontier Base, where the former Navy middleweight champ, Chief Boatswain Stanley "Ski" Dynkowski controls the reins of his Negro steeds, is a sea bag full of both white and Negro battlers. Star pupils who contribute to the gigantic boxing smokers are Scott Chapman, Nat Huskey, James Alexander, George Teague and Hal Fortner. Dynkowski has done a fine job with his leather workshop.

Jackie Burke, George "Young" Millich, Benny Calla, Johnny Samson, Ray Williams, Joe Sworek and Gene Ronstad head the list of top performers at the Armed Guard. In between "runs" they keep in shape by working out daily in the T.I. emporium of sock. Most of them have seen action and their time off is never labeled gold-bricking in Navy chatter.

Although boxing is no pin-up boy it is one of the big morale boosters. Deep in every man's mind, no matter how big the other chap is or how puny, he still feels he can punch the other fellow's head off.

"Man was gifted with two hands and the reflexes directing them comes naturally. Every boy gets into a fight at one time or another, and win, lose or draw he performs courageously to his way of thinking, no matter the outcome," states Lt. Nash Higgins, Athletic head.

OKLAHOMA NEWS

By CLYDE SMITH

CARNEGIE, OKLA.—115-pound class—Billy Aitson, Carnegie, beat Jack Tatum; B. Lawrence decisioned Hubert Tsotigh, both from Carnegie.

112-pound class—Eugene Simpson, Carnegie, beat Lee Henry, Sedan; A. Ruder, Binger, decisioned J. Burke, Sedan; Vernon Tartsah, Anadarko, decisioned O. V. Guthrie, Hobart.

126-pound class—J. Hays, Anadarko, decisioned R. McKenzie, Anadarko; John Weaver, Carnegie, beat C. Palmer, Sedan.

135-pound class—S. Campbell, Anadarko, beat G. Nimsey, Carnegie; Jack Ester, Anadarko, decisioned Don Hall, Carnegie.

147-pound class—E. Cozad, Sedan, beat Oscar Avants, Eakly.

Oklahoma City—Ben Evans, 144, Oklahoma City, decisioned Manuel Villa, 150, of Juarez, Mexico, in a 12-round fight. Evans had lost to Villa twice in previous bouts. Proctor Heinold, 124, Oklahoma City, decisioned Rodolfo Villa, 120, in the eight-round semi-final. Rodolfo is brother to Manuel. Duane Hoag, Wichita, Kan., 124, knocked out Tony York, 126, of Mayesville, Okla., in three. Howard Carr, Oklahoma City, 146, knocked out J. O. Stroud of Sapulpa, Okla., 148, in four. Clyde Benningfield of Dallas, Tex., won over Joe Bevenue of Sapulpa, in four.

Wanted: Boxers, looking for a manager pro or amateur. Drop a line to Clyde Smith, 1061 E. Magrill Street, Longview, Tex. Managers who would like to send their boys down this way for bouts write me. Young and old pro boxers who would like to get back in the game send me your records.

UNDER SAVANNAH SKIES

By JULIAN (Little Bo Peep) SILVER

MAURICE "LEFTY" LaCHANCE, the plucky, speedy, hard-hitting featherweight from Lewiston, Me., proved too much for Carlos Chavez, world's eighth ranking feather. LaChance cut the Mexican's eye in the second round and continued to bang away at the freely bleeding optic all evening. The Maine southpaw slugged it out with Chavez and took everything the Mexican had to offer. Chavez repeatedly had LaChance on the ropes, and hit him with everything but the ring post.

LaChance proved his gameness when he took the Mexican's offerings and came back fighting.

The supporting card was the best witnessed in Savannah this season. Danny Shea, from the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, proved too much for Kid Curry in their semi-final bout. The sailor won on a T.K.O. from the home town boy in the second round. Don Sandham, a 153-pound roundswinging Leatherneck, was more than a match for Al Reid. Reid showed speed and power, but suffered from a cut over the eye. The Marine was awarded a T.K.O. over the boy from the U.S.N.A.S. after a thrilling battle. Herman Zeigler, a game, smart young heavyweight, won a decision over Joe Palooka from Jacksonville. Zeigler is a good boxer, he hits hard, but he missed a lot in his bout. Steve Slonesky won a decision from Jimmy Wilson. Wilson took a lot of punishment near the end of the bout.

The wrestling shows now being staged by Buster White and Pinkey Masters, promoters for the Victory Sports Club, have been a big success. Lt. "Tarzan" White, former All-American football star from Alabama, won from the Blackhooded Mr. X. The Black Monster, another hooded boogie man, undefeated in over 100 matches, proved too much for "Cowboy" Luttrall, the man who slugged it out with Jack Dempsey. Blackjack Soapy Dillon won from George Romanoff. Roland Kirschmeyer won from Otto Schnable.

The following week White won from Babe Labarias. Dillon beat Luttrall, and Kirschmeyer trimmed Schnable.

John "Joe Palooka" Merritt, a heavyweight from Savannah, has retired from the ring and is now working at a war job.

All fighters wishing to appear on cards now being staged in Savannah will please contact either Buster White or Pinkey Masters at the Victory Sports Club, 601 Harmon Street, Savannah. Any news concerning Southern fighters, or activities of Savannah boys in the service, would be highly appreciated by me. My address is 118 Washington Avenue, Savannah, Ga.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By HOMER AMUNDSEN

PROFESSIONAL boxing in Tacoma has once more come back after nearly two years on ice.

Promoter Will Maylon, Tacoma, and top Northwest boxing promoter, hopes to conduct his boxing shows every two weeks, if enough talent can be obtained. This writer, and the Dean of Pacific Coast Boxing Managers, Jack Connors, will aid Mr. Maylon, in his future ring cards.

Any boxers in the Northwest and vicinity looking for ring action on Promoter Maylon's coming programs should contact him by writing to Amundsen's Gymnasium, or the Promoter, Will Maylon, Rust Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.

The new Mid-Way Arena, out in the South End of the city, has been O.K.'ed by the fight fans, boxers, and wrestlers, for their respective programs. The wrestling boys go to their wares every week, and Promoter Will Maylon hopes to give out with his fistic shows every two weeks.

The three best bets for future fistic honors in this Puget Sound city are: Buster Arnestad, sixteen-year-old, 130-pounder. Dick Ross, seventeen-year-old, 175-pounder, and Dave Davee, sixteen-year-old, 185 pounder.

Donnie Bush, a small Mickey Walker, reported to Uncle Sam's fighters on May 5. Donnie boxed his second professional contest at the Mid-Way on April 27. Frankie "Chee Chee" Britt, a Tacoma featherweight favorite of another year, says eighteen-year-old Bush with the right breaks, should go places in his chosen profession, after the war.

This writer can boast of one idea probably one boxing gym in a thousand can talk about. Running fresh drinking water in the corner of the gym's ring.

Ch. Whitey Domestad, former all-Navy heavyweight champion, who has been the third man in the ring on a few Tacoma programs for the past couple of years, expects to see a shift to other parts of the Nation, maybe, over there. Domestad is a very capable third man for any boxing program. . . . Two fine men are interested in Tacoma boxing, Jack Connors, Dean of Pacific Coast boxing managers, and our Sheriff H. W. Lee Croft. Both these gentlemen are widely known, and highly respected by all who know them. . . . Jock McOmber, Tacoma, 175-pounder, is in training after a couple of years' lay-off. The solid punching "Scot" has been doing a bit of railroading. Now that pro boxing has come back to Tacoma, Jock has decided to cast his punches into the pit. This writer believes the Scotchman can take care of the bigger fellows now stumbling around the Northwest fight spots.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By ROBERTO A. TORRES

TROPICAL CLUB CITY OF COLON—Baby Al Brown, 134, of Kingston, Jamaica, scored a sensational 10 round draw with Roberto Carrillo, 136, of Lima, Peru. Carrillo had Brown on the canvas in the 4th round for a nine count. The bell saved Brown. However the Jamaican lad came back in the closing rounds and outfought Carrillo. When the decision was announced the crowd booed heavily, a large sector indicating a Brown victory.

Carlos Smith, 138, of Colon scored an upset K.O. over Ernesto Reid, 140, of the City of Panama, in the fourth round of their eight-rounder, Reid had a slight edge up to the time he suffered a large cut over his right eye and the doctors stopped the bout.

National Olympic Stadium—Young Finnegan, 138, Lightweight Champion of Panama, scored an easy ten round decision over Tito Despaigne, 145, of Panama. Tito, who had just returned from California under the tutelage of David Abad and who had won eight out of nine fights, proved no match for the Panama lightweight.

Cesar Leal, 108, of Panama, defeated Perico Rodriguez, 110, in six rounds.

Al Tejada, 134, Panama's latest lightweight sensation, whipped Temi Olaciregui, 138, of Panama in eight fast rounds, Tejada proved too smart for Temi.

Chito Andrade, 104, whipped Machi Testa, 106, in six rounds.

National Gymnasium, City of Panama—Luis Cedano, 120¼, decisioned Llano Kid, 120, in four rounds. Goyo Castaneda, 114½, knocked out Raul Gonzalez, 114½, in four rounds. Simon Lucas, 134, of Belize, Honduras, knocked out Leocadio Torres, 131½, in the fourth round of an eight-round semi-final, Torres who had quit boxing was attempting to come back, but we advise him to hang up his gloves after this fight.

Sammy Medina, 118, Bantamweight Champion of Panama, knocked out John Pino, 117, in the second round of a fifteen-rounder for the Bantamweight Championship of Panama. Pino was ringside favorite but the Champ who is a tough hombre when the chips are down, surprised everyone by wading into Pino with both fists flying. Pino tried desperately to get up but he was beaten. Pino will meet Simon Vergara, Panama's latest bantamweight sensation, in the near future.

BOXING IN CHINA

A BOXING CARD packed with action and excitement, featured the first tournament of the 1342nd B.U. on the night of April 15. The card of five bouts which was sponsored by the Special Services department of the Unit was well attended.

The feature event of the program was the bout between S/Sgt. Francis E. Ullyot of Long Beach, Calif., and Cpl. Irvin G. Kaske of Reno, Nev. The men fought three furious rounds that brought the spectators continuously to their feet. The bout ended in a draw.

The other four fights all ended in knockouts. A summary of these follows:

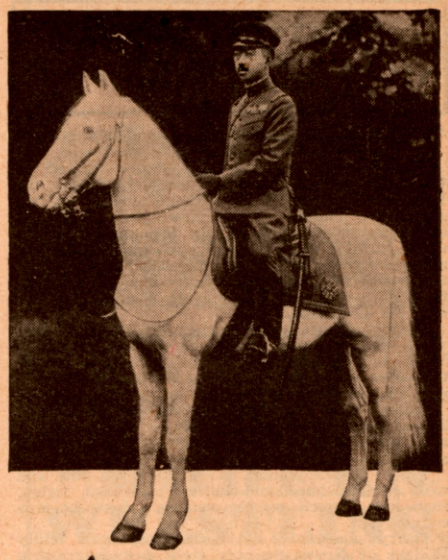
Pvt. Stanley Kowalcik of Boston versus Pfc. Ayub Mokarzel, Jr., of Austin, Tex. Won by Mokarzel by a technical knockout in the first round.

T/Sgt. Wendell P. Wilkinson of Cleveland, Ohio, versus Pfc. Henry W. H. Baker, of Princeton, N. J. Wilkinson the winner, knocked out Baker in 1:22 of the second round.

Pfc. John C. Neuhart of Springfield, Ohio, versus Pfc. Elmer J. Miholick of South Bend, Ind. Won by Miholick with a knockout in 20 seconds of the second round.

Pfc. Roy Henseley, of Abilene, Tex., versus Pvt. James G. Melvin, of Casper, Wyo. Henseley knocked out Melvin in 25 seconds of the first round.

Officials for the event were 1st Lt. William D. Hickman, referee; Maj. Raymond E. Breazeale and Capt. Orville A. Isham, judges; 1st Lt. Russell K. Laboda, timekeeper; Capt. Thomas E. Miller, attending surgeon; Pfc. Roy Hawkins, trainer and promoter, and T/Sgt. John M. Strong, announcer.



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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

THE clever Negro Canadian featherweight, Danny Webb, scored another good win, this time at the expense of Johnny Russell of Covent Garden, whom he knocked out in the fourth of a scheduled ten-round contest at the Alexandra Theatre, Stoke Newington. Webb, at a weight disadvantage of six pounds, played his usual waiting game, shuffling around looking for an opportunity to land his haymaker, while Russell would now and again throw a powerful right to Webb's chin, which, although shaking, did not stop the Canadian lad.

Webb's chance came during the third session, when Russell was impetuous enough to allow Webb into close quarters, and it was then that the latter shot a hard right to the stomach, which put Russell on his knees.

Russell took a seven-count, and on rising, was floored again for seven. He took yet another count, and was down for eight just before the bell sounded.

In the fourth round Webb went all out, and with further hard and telling lefts and rights, soon had Russell on the canvas, where he was counted out.

Harry Lazar of Aldgate outpointed Billy Walker of Newcastle over eight fast, interesting rounds.

Making his professional debut, Jimmy Hockley of Covent Garden, ABA middleweight champion, could only draw with Gordon Griffiths of the Royal Navy, who gave as good as he got for the entire eight rounds.

Tommy Softley, Poplar, outpointed Phil Palmer, R.A.F., over six rounds, and Mickey Colbert, Ireland, knocked out Tim Mahoney, Royal Navy, in the fourth of a six-rounder.

Jack "Kid" Berg, former British lightweight champion, continued his comeback campaign with a win over Jimmy Brunt, Royal Marines, whom he outpointed over eight rounds at the Seymour Hall, London. Berg adopted close range tactics, and completely nullified the attempts of the Marine to cash in on his height and reach advantage.

Johnny Price of Manchester outpointed Johnny Russell of Covent Garden over eight rounds.

Billy Taylor of Chiswick defeated Tommy Foxall of Tipton on points over eight rounds.

British Welterweight Champion Ernie Roderick of Liverpool, 150 pounds, revealed a great deal of his old skill in defeating Tommy Davies, the Welsh middleweight, 161¼ pounds, over ten rounds at the Royal Albert Hall. Roderick, at 31, was by far the cleverer boxer, and also the harder puncher, and he floored Davies in the fourth round for seven, with a beautiful body blow.

Davies arose to attempt to mix it with the champion, but at this he was beaten to the punch and forced to take quite a lot of punishment. Roderick continued to hold his lead until the end of the bout, when he rightfully received the points decision.

The chief supporting bout gave fans a chance to see the contender for Roderick's title, Vince Hawkins of Eastleigh, in action, and Hawkins scored a good win when the referee stopped his contest with Jim Laverick, Royal Navy, in the ninth round, after Laverick had been knocked out of the ring.

Hawkins, much the stronger, cut Laverick's left eyebrow during the sixth round, and it was always obvious that the 21-year-old middleweight would win; in fact, it must be to Laverick's credit that he managed to last as long as he did.

Hawkins and Roderick have since been matched for the vacant middleweight title, last held by Jock McAvoy.

Jock Porter, 182 pounds, former ABA heavyweight champion, made a convincing professional debut in Great Britain by forcing the referee to stop his contest with Al Robinson of Leeds, 210, heavier by 28 pounds, in the fifth of an eight-round contest. Porter went in early for a kayo win, and dealt out plenty of punishment to Robinson, who was bleeding badly from the nose and mouth before long.

Floored in the fourth for an eight-count, Robinson continued gamely to take plenty of punishment, but it was obvious that he couldn't continue long, and in the fifth session, the referee intervened to save a game boy unnecessary punishment.

Dave Finn, Southern Area lightweight champion, 136 pounds, scored a points win over Johnny Price of Birmingham, 139 pounds, over eight rounds.

Finn was by far superior, and although Price forced the issue during the last two rounds, he was behind on points at the closure.

Ernie Roderick of Liverpool, British welterweight king, boxed beautifully and had an easy task in disposing of Jim Wellard of Northampton, whom he knocked out in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round contest at Nottingham. Roderick boxed without taking anything out of himself, and was always superior to Wellard, whom he floored for nine in the second, eight in the third, and finally kayoed in the fifth with a well-timed short right to the ribs.

There was a scene just before the contest, when Jack Spencer, Wellard's manager, objected to Harry Jennings of Bradford as referee.

Nel Tarleton, Roderick's manager, raised no objection, but Spencer continued to disagree and finally the local B.B.B. of C. inspector was forced to fill the breach.

Harry Grimes, Royal Navy, won over Bert Jackson of Fleetwood, who was disqualified in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest for an alleged low blow.

Alf Brailsford of Derby received a points win over Paddy O'Neil, Ireland, over eight rounds. The decision was badly received, as was that when Jackie Rankin of Southall was declared the winner over Petty Officer Ben Duffy, Royal Navy, over eight rounds.

It did seem that Duffy had done enough to merit the verdict, and it came rather as a surprise when Rankin got the award.

Alf Phillips of Newark knocked out Tommy Baines, Army, in 90 seconds of the first round.

Dick Shields of Liverpool had a hard fight before scoring a points win over Bob Ramsay of Stepney over eight rounds at the Caledonian Road Baths.

Ramsay was by far the more aggressive, but Shields offset this by his clever boxing and superior judgment. Ramsay was floored for two short counts in the final round, but fought back all the way, losing narrowly on points.

Chris Kelly of Liverpool, who is only 16 years of age, showed promise in defeating the more experienced Ronnie Kingston of Sittingbourne over six rounds.

Pat Cubiss of Luton won on points over Billy Gibbs of Notting Hill over six rounds.

Stoker George Simmons, Royal Navy, drew with Billy Taylor of Chiswick over six rounds.

"Lefty" Satan Flynn of Jamaica, 148½ pounds, won a good points decision over Bert Hyland, 155¾, Ireland and R.A.F., over ten rounds at the Liverpool Stadium.

Flynn fought his usual aggressive battle, and soon took the lead, which he maintained until the close.

Tommy Burney of Liverpool outpointed Jock McKenzie of Ireland over eight rounds, while over a similar distance, Jim Saxton of Manchester knocked out Dom Lydon of Ireland in the first round.

Johnny Sayers of Hamilton scored a technical kayo over Tim Kelly of Ireland in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Jim Lydon of Ireland knocked out Bob McArdle of Sheffield in the fifth of a six-round contest.

Al Phillips of Aldgate, making his first appearance since losing to Nel Tarleton for the featherweight title, showed his usual speed and skill in outpointing Johnny Price of Wolverhampton over eight rounds at the Queensberry All-Services Club, London.

Price, taller than Phillips, and with a seven-pound weight advantage, could do nothing against the crouching Aldgate lad, who was always ready to punch it out, and scored well with his two-fisted attacks.

The bout was full of thrills and Price showed great gameness in going the full distance.

Cliff Morris of Wales won a good points victory over Tommy Plowright of Nottingham over eight rounds full of hectic fighting, with both lads giving and taking, with neither giving way, until at the end, with both their faces bespattered with blood, the referee gave Morris his decision.

Pvt. Alf Brown, R.A., and George Preston, Commandos, two former ABA heavyweight champions, slugged it out for eight strenuous rounds with the decision going to Brown.

Harry Lazar of Aldgate outpointed veteran Leo Phillips of Birmingham over eight rounds.

Lazar was the better boxer and ran out an easy winner.

Lt. Joe Gagnon, Canadian Army, knocked out Sapper Tom Tully of Manchester in the first round with an excellent left hook to the solar plexus.

Norman Lewis of Wales outpointed George Parkes of Dundee in eight rounds, while Mike Kavan of Eire outpointed Jack Watkins of Muswell Hill over six rounds.

Joe Curran, 111¾ pounds, of Liverpool and R.A.F., scored a points win over Mickey Jones, 117¾, Royal Navy, over ten fast rounds.

Curran, official contender for the world's flyweight title, was too experienced for the Navy lad, who fought back a game but losing battle.

Joe Mallin of Preston and the Fleet Air Arm gained a points win over Johnny "Darkie" Davies of Wales over eight rounds.

Paddy Burgin of Ireland outpointed Billy Edwards of Bargoed in eight rounds.

Tony McGowan of Ireland and Eddie Douglas of Liverpool gave an interesting display for eight rounds before the referee decided upon a draw.

Joe Merryweather of Liverpool knocked out Lionel Creber of Loughborough in the first of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Len Bernard of Cardiff caused quite a furore in local circles by knocking out the all-conquering George Dilks of Barnsley in the second round of a scheduled eight-round contest at Walsall.

Bernard floored Dilks for a long count in the opening round, applying the closure early in the second.

Geoff Heath of Worcester scored a narrow points win over Jackie Pitt of Blackpool over eight rounds of sustained thrills, with first one boy and then the other taking the lead.

Both lads took several counts, and although a draw might have sufficed, it seemed that Heath had lasted the better.

Jack Coles of Walsall defeated Dick Johnson on points in eight rounds.

Ron Hatton of High Wycombe outpointed Johnny MacDonald of Luton in what was one of the fiercest bouts witnessed at High Wycombe.

It was a thrilling bout, keeping the spectators on their feet throughout, with Hatton thoroughly deserving the verdict.

Dom Lydon of Ireland knocked out Noel Wagener of Keighley in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest.

It was a complete reversal, for in the first round, Lydon had been hanging on, all but knocked out, but he made a good recovery to knock his opponent out with a well placed barrage of blows.

Danny Nagle of Cork outpointed Roy Cutler of Doncaster over six rounds.

Jim Lydon of Ireland knocked out Harry O'Grady of Amersham in the first of a scheduled six-round contest with a beautifully-timed punch to the chin.

Teddy Duffy of Bradford defeated Frankie Jackson of Hull over eight rounds on points at the Augustus Road Barracks, Grimsby.

Duffy, always willing to mix it, met an awkward opponent in Jackson, and the bout suffered somewhat in consequence.

In an eight-rounder, Dennis Skidmore of Grimsby won on points over Phil Close of Hull. Close was handicapped by a badly cut eye from the first round onwards, but managed to carry on despite this injury and was unlucky to lose.

Gus Foran, 121¾ pounds, of Liverpool and the Royal Navy, scored an excellent win when he knocked out George Thomas of Aberfan, 123 pounds, in the seventh of a ten-round bout at the Liverpool Stadium.

Foran, who is a big favorite in Liverpool rings, boxed and fought well, taking an early lead which he maintained until applying the closure in the seventh, with a well-timed right hook.

Jack Clancy, 162 pounds, of Dublin, scored a technical kayo over Chris Adcock, 153 pounds, of Rochdale and Merchant Marine, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest when the latter retired.

Jock Bonas of Rotherham won on points over Paddy O'Leary of Ireland in a fast eight-round featherweight contest.

Jacky McGouran of Ireland won on points over Joe Merryweather of Liverpool over eight rounds.

Norman James of Liverpool was beaten on points by Jacky Ryan of Liverpool over six rounds in an excellent curtain raiser.

Ronnie James of Swansea, 143 pounds, British lightweight kingpin, knocked out Cyril Wills of Shrewsbury, 141 pounds, in the sixth of a scheduled ten-round contest at Swansea.

Wills was game, but could make no impression on the champion, who floored him twice in the opening round and then again for eight before applying the order of the kayo with a left to the chin.

Dave Finn of Aldgate and Bobby Ramsay of Stepney fought a good bout over eight rounds at Lime Grove Baths, Shepherds Bush, to a draw.

Finn, handicapped from the start with a badly cut eye, fought back well and seemed a trifle unlucky at the end to only share honors.

Jimmy Hockley of Covent Garden defeated Ted Barter of Kingston on points over eight rounds, while Billy Taylor of Chiswick outpointed Phil Palmer, R.A.F., over eight rounds.

Danny Webb, the Canadian featherweight who has been making such inroads among the featherweights here, had his hardest battle to date when he was paired with Petty Officer Ben Duffy, Royal Navy, over eight rounds at the Alexandra Theatre, Stoke Newington.

Duffy seemed taken out of his stride at the beginning, and Webb, who opened the fight with a furious two-fisted attack, floored the Navy lad, who scrambled up immediately, although obviously hurt.

Duffy recovered well, and boxed in his usual aggressive style, taking all that Webb had to offer, and handed some out himself, causing a big surprise when he floored Webb for five during the fourth round.

Duffy took two counts himself during the next round, being down for six and nine from Webb's damaging short body punches, but rose to once again turn the tables and floor the Canadian lad for two in the last session.

It was a grand contest, full of thrills, and although Webb won, a return match was specially arranged and will be put on very shortly.

Buster Osborne of Bethnal Green, making his first ring appearance in four years, took four counts before the referee declared he had enough points to defeat former ABA champion middleweight, Jimmy Hockley of Covent Garden, over eight rounds. The decision was badly received.

Jimmy Bowden of Canada and Jack Hughes of Wales had a hectic six-round struggle before Bowden got the award.

Dave Goodwin of Nottingham, a southpaw, knocked out Tony Russell of Canada in the first round of a scheduled six-round contest with a

short left to the stomach. The end came after one minute and twenty seconds of fighting.

Reg Andrews of Streatham defeated Sid Hart of Mitcham, the referee stopping the contest in the fourth of a six-rounder, while Bobby Watson of Leith defeated Freddie Wheeler of Basingstoke on points.

Jack Lewis of Bournemouth knocked out Billy Mawson of Edinburgh in the second of a scheduled ten-round contest at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge.

Lewis, vastly more experienced than his Scottish opponent, had the better of the opening round and sent his opponent down for the full count in the second with a right to the heart.

Tommy Loughlin of Newcastle defeated Albert Norman of Doncaster on points after eight uninteresting rounds.

Eric Hall of Milton knocked out Jack Whittaker of Chatteris in 20 seconds of the first round, including the count. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds.

Art Owen, APTC, knocked out Charlie Hall of Cambridge in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Walter Redit of Soham, kayoed Benny Norman of Doncaster in the seventh round.

Jimmy Cain of Chatteris won on a T.K.O. over Joe Kirkham of Doncaster in the third round.

Nobby Newman of Cambridge defeated LAC Norman Boon, R.A.F., on points over six rounds.

Bert Gilroy of Coatbridge, holder of the Scottish middleweight title, annexed the cruiserweight championship of Scotland when he outpointed Jock McCusker of Glasgow over 15 rounds at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow.

Gilroy dominated the contest throughout and built up a healthy points lead, upon which McCusker could make no impression.

In the eight-round supporting contests, Billy Stevens of Tillicoultry outpointed Phil Close of Leeds after flooring him for three long counts, but Close gamely continued until the last bell.

Harry Hughes of Hamilton outpointed Danny Cunningham of Methil.

Over six rounds, Bobby McDonald of Glasgow was beaten on points by Dickie Escott of Rotherham, while Teddy Duffy of Bradford knocked out Frank Brown of Dumbarton in the first round.

Mick Gibbons, the fighting Irishman from Haydock, proved too forceful for Johnny Sayers of Hamilton in the topline ten-rounder at the Tower Circus, Blackpool, and although Sayers fought back gamely, Gibbons weakened him with hard punching, applying the *coup de grace* in the sixth round.

Tommy Smith of Birmingham and Bert Hornby, of Royal Navy, fought eight terrific rounds, which were a grand slam, from start to close, the referee giving his decision as a draw.

Tommy Gibbons of Belfast, well outpointed Nat Jones of Barrow over eight rounds, while Billy Swift of St. Helens, defeated Johnny Clarke of Warrington on points over the same distance and Steve Gaskell of Wigan defeated Sid Clayton of Blackpool on points.

Harry McLaughlin of Royal Navy defeated Lionel Creber of Warrington over ten keenly contested rounds on points at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow.

Creber boxed well against a good opponent and seemed unlucky not to share the honors. The decision was not well received.

Johnny Smith of Clydebank scored a kayo over Jimmy Lewis of Grimsby in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Billy Hendrie of Clydebank, made two appearances, first knocking out Al Veitch of Springburn in the first round and then stepping in as a substitute to outpoint Tim McGrory of Glasgow over six rounds.

Harry Baltin of Canada forced Jack Lewis of Bournemouth to retire in the sixth of a scheduled ten-round contest after taking quite a beating.

Lewis stepped in as a last-minute substitute for Billy Cottrell, who was unable to appear.

The contest took place at the Fairey Aviation Canteen, Hayes.

Ted Barter of Kingston and Jack Barr of Tolworth, boxed a draw over eight hectic rounds, with both lads paying periodic visits to the canvas.

Billy Cunningham of Kew, drew with Bob Bates of Sunderland over eight rounds.

Johnny Stone of Southall, kayoed Tommy Rice of Hounslow in the second of a scheduled six-rounder, while Mick McCann of Ireland defeated Johnny Byles of Oxford by a kayo in the second and Billy Gibbs of Nottingham drew with Tug Wilson of Southall over six rounds.

BOXING IN FRANCE AT DELTA BASE

By S/SGT. BILL BARANOFF

ARNOLD POWELL, 156, fought a draw with Harry Simmons, 151, in a sensational see-saw battle, in which each took turns at staggering the other. The decision was unanimous. Charles Ricard, 177, drew with Ned Byrd, 185. Herman Medley, 136, trounced Herman Rowley, 135. Richard Hagen, 196, decisioned Ed Atchison, 181. Ernest Davis, 166, outboxed hard-hitting Henry Shockley, 174.

Earl Syas, 141, probably the busiest fighter in the ETO, who has fought everybody and anybody since starting to box last fall, conceded ten pounds to Lefty Herman Beckwith and also landed enough hard punches to win the decision. Syas is a real prospect. He is young, serious, and improves with every fight.

Johnny Fowler, 192, the classiest fighter of the local heavyweight talent, had a hard time getting a clean shot at "Baby" Eppinger, 191, but by continually forcing the fight, gained the decision.

It took "Killer" Bob DeMarce, 183, 23 minutes and 18 seconds to pin "Strangler" Eddie Flynn's shoulders to the mat in a wild wrestling match that had the crowd in an uproar. A crowd of 6,000 turned out for the show.

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This was the first boxing show at the Depot and because of its success, fights will be continued on a regular basis, as will the shows at the Marseilles Municipal Stadium.

BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

HAVANA promoters have resumed their boxing programs, and the new Palace of Sports, a fine huge building, is packed each Saturday night. The shows are always of high grade, and the fans are always satisfied . . . . Louis Godoy is one of the new boxing promoters, and he seems to know his business . . . . Armando Alejandre is another new boxing promoter, and so far has not failed to meet the public demand.

Enrique Cardoso, new Cuban lightweight, outpointed Baby Coullimber in a good ten-rounder. Jesus Vila won an eight-round decision from Julio Pedroso, and Juan Erenio scored a technical kayo over Fausto Jiminez. Lefty Duany beat Oswaldo Socorras, and Manuel Chaviano got the decision over Bartolo Molina after eight good rounds of milling.

Kid Tunero, Cuban middleweight champion, outpointed Joe Legon, welterweight king in ten good rounds.

Eduardo de la Torre beat Arquimides Yirac in eight rounds, and Pedro Calderon won from Pedro Medina in eight rounds. Peter King beat Tunerito Kid in four, and Frank Aldama won from Arnaldo Rodriguez in four. Kid Guarina defeated Armando Dubuchet.

Enrique Valdes, one of Cuba's best flyweights a number of years back, is a happy dad of eight children. Valdes was one of Cuba's cleverest ringsters, and piled up a splendid record in the Southern States. His oldest boy is 15, and Valdes says he has the makings of a champion. Good luck, Enrique.

Wilfredo Mayet, lightweight, is the hottest thing in boxing right now in Havana. Mayet is fast, and can punch like the dickens. His recent victim was Diego Sosa, a real strong contender for the title.

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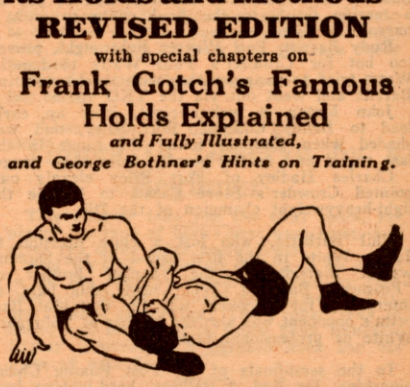

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CAMP CROWDER NOTES
By CPL. DUANE YARNELL

LOCAL leather merchants have just completed one of the most successful indoor boxing seasons in Camp Crowder history, climaxed by the Post Boxing Championships which drew a capacity crowd of 5000 fans at the Field House April 5th and 6th. Preceding the Post Championship matches, were several important elimination bouts as well as the 7th Service Command Championships held in Fort Riley, Kansas, early in March.

It was at Fort Riley that Crowder fighters really hit their stride. Seven local fighters battled their way into the finals and it was a Crowder man who copped the heavyweight title—tall, rugged, hard punching James Claitor who weighed in at 185 pounds. Claitor, a youngster, gave 20 pounds to his Fort Warren opponent, big Willie Gipson, but from the beginning of the second round there was little doubt as to the final outcome. He gained the unanimous decision.

The rest of Crowder's finalists had to be content with second money. Richard Bendgen dropped the senior welterweight title when he was kayoed by Joe Delaney of Fort Warren, in the first round.

John McNabb dropped a close decision in the middleweight division to a sharp hitting Fort Warren boy, James Beard.

Ed Stoddard, a game little featherweight, came close to being the big gun among the upset boys when he met Robert Schrott of Fort Riley. Schrott, an experienced amateur, had to put on a terrific finish in the final canto to gain a narrow decision.

Rudy Barritt, Fort Warren lightweight, proved too hot for Crowder's Paul Watts to handle. Watts tried to swap punches with the hard-hitting Barritt and went out via the TKO route.

John Matar, a welterweight, blew an early lead to Benny Cotinola, Fort Riley, and was shaded when Cotinola found the range in the last round and scored heavily from close range.

Charles Hadley of Fort Riley cleanly outpointed Crowder's Steve Casala to become the light-heavyweight champion of the 7th.

Phil Barbetta, who lost a close decision to James White in the first round of the bantamweight division, is the younger brother of "Peanuts" Barbetta. What made this fight so interesting for onlookers was the fact that Barbetta's opponent was also the brother of "Slugger" White of professional fame.

In the semi-finals of the Post Boxing Championships, Joe Red, a stalking, hard-jabbing bantamweight, cleverly outpointed Regis Phillips of Toronto, Ohio.

Paul Watts, a lightweight, hung up a first round kayo when he landed a series of hard right hand punches on the jaw of Bill Orthwein of Toledo, Ohio.

Johnnie Matar, left handed pride of Port Huron, Mich., poured too many hard lefts into the face of Billy Price and Price went out through the kayo exit in the second heat.

Dick Seemel, a Detroit boy, outpointed young Tommy Snipes in one of the closest fights ever seen at Crowder. The fight was a toe-to-toe struggle that saw both fighters reeling in each round. Seemel got a split decision to become the welterweight finalist against Matar.

Phil Roupp, a Chicago boy, decisioned Charlie Parrish, of Lynchburg, Va., in another close scrap to become a Senior welterweight finalist.

Sammy Fargnoli shaded Harry Ballard in the light-heavyweight division and Pat Mannix, a 210 pound heavyweight, landed a third round knockout blow against Johnny McCarver, of Denton, Texas.

In the finals, dusky Joe Red became the bantamweight champion by outhitting Phil Barbetta. Red, who reminds you of little Henry Armstrong, had too much power and Barbetta was backing away during the latter stages of the fight.

Hines Offord, another Negro fighter, took the featherweight title by default when no opponent appeared for the contest.

Bill Wallis swapped punches with Paul Watts for two rounds, then dropped Watts for the count in the dying seconds of the third, to become the lightweight champ.

Robert Dove, an accurate punching senior welterweight, outclassed Phil Roupp all the way and was awarded a TKO half way through the final round of the title bout.

Leonard Maxey, a former intercollegiate middleweight champ from Gonzaga U., showed the same deft skill that made him famous as a collegian when he completely outmaneuvered and outfought Mello Puglisi for the middleweight crown. Maxey had Puglisi in trouble all the way and chalked up four knockdowns. Puglisi was reeling when the fight ended.

One of the most popular fighters ever to appear on a Crowder fight show, and a boy who had plenty of pro possibilities, is Ted Kunkle, a light-heavy. Kunkle has had plenty of experience as an amateur and in the ring he rarely makes a mistake.

Kunkle fought Sammy Fargnoli, another clever boxer, and the entire fight was characterized by hot flurries of long range hitting and particularly brilliant counterpunching by Kunkle. Kunkle began to score solidly at the opening of the first round and landed half a dozen solid lefts to the face after drawing wild leads from Fargnoli. Kunkle was awarded the decision.

The heavy crown went to big Pat Mannix when he landed a kayo punch in the middle of the third. Mannix' opponent was John Harkness of Providence, Rhode Island.

Camp Crowder fighters attend boxing classes twice weekly. Some of the best brains in the boxing business congregate in the Field House for these sessions and the boys take advantage of every bit of expert instruction that is dished out to them for free.

Artie Salzman, Jack Curley's son, is refereeing at Crowder, as well as judging them from the sidelines. Dale Foss, a veteran of 125 fights, including a draw with Fred Apostoli, is always present to lend a hand. Dale fought professionally under the name of Ross.

Lloyd Breckenridge, a light-heavy, has a record of more than 100 pro fights, chiefly in the Rocky Mountain sector. Bud Steiner, ex-light-heavy amateur champ of Canada, does a lot of refereeing at Crowder, as well as instructional work. Joe Burke, a pro welterweight from the West Coast, is also in the local fight picture. Ramingo Jones, a heavyweight, has been knocked out just once—by Buddy Walker—and he, too, plays an important part in the Crowder fistic scene.

Lt. William Strawbridge, A and R officer, was the man behind the gun in the heavy boxing schedule just concluded. Lt. Strawbridge devoted much of his time to making the indoor season a success, and under his leadership, many amateurs took an upward step on the fistic ladder.

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NEW YORK-CHICAGO GOLDEN GLOVES
By PVT. MOE ROKEACH

CPL. TOM ATTRA, San Antonio, 175 pounds, became light-heavyweight king of the West when Adolfo Quizano was disqualified because of professionalism. Quizano gained the championship at Chicago and went on to win the national championship.

Attra, who was kayoed by Quizano at Chicago, was awarded the crown in the Western Division when Quizano confessed to having boxed as a pro.

Cpl. Sammy Grounds, Camp Hood's Golden Gloves champ, dropped a close decision to Attra in the Texas state finals at Fort Worth. Grounds was a former Fort Sill and Oklahoma state champ.

Attra previously gained distinction as national champ in 1942 and copped the Texas crown 3 times in previous years.

By virtue of Quizano's disqualification New York's boxing team emerged victorious 9-7 for the intra-city title against Chicago.

NEWS FROM COLORADO
By MILE HIGH

COLORADO is witnessing a genuine wrestling revival. Nine licensed clubs are now operating and the attendance at all shows, even to the hinterland towns, has been unusually large. The Rocky Mountain Sports Enterprises was licensed in Denver for the purpose of staging high class wrestling shows. It is headed by men who have been successful wrestlers over a period of years and are making a supreme effort to please the public and every one concerned. As a sample before this appears in print Jim Londos will have appeared in a Denver ring and perhaps Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

Pueblo and La Junta promoters led the way and were followed by Denver, Colorado Springs and other cities. A major share of the credit for starting the wrestling ball rolling in the state is due a former world's champion, Everett Marshall of La Junta. He not only was instrumental in helping several towns get started, including his home town, but took out a license as referee and officiated in the opening bouts. That he was a drawing card goes without saying. A late report has it that Everett is about ready to turn back his referee's license and get back into the ring against an outstanding opponent. Marshall is now in training and is endeavoring to take off some excess weight.

Marshall, well fixed with worldly goods, is also promoting a youths' sporting program in La Junta that is expected to grow gradually into an outstanding achievement. He keeps in tip top condition with work on his ranches and when he enters the ring the customers are always assured that he will give his best.

Two clubs are now licensed in Denver, one each in Pueblo, Colorado Springs, La Junta, Trinidad, Walsenburg, Grand Junction and Craig.

The promoters in Denver can be reached by addressing them at the Argonaut hotel. An all army show which drew a $5,000 house, saw a stellar card at the Denver City Auditorium on April 20th. Clubs were in from Buckley Field in Denver, Lowry and Fitzsimmons, also Pueblo Air Base and the usual bunch of high class fighters from Fort Warren, Wyoming. The Pueblo boys carried off the honors with three wins out of four in which they took part.

The Denver Sports Association which put on boxing shows for a year has not been active for several months. It was composed of twenty of the younger businessmen of Denver and they gave of their time and money to put the fight game on its feet in Denver. They were victims of circumstances over which they had no control. The club license does not expire until November and is currently being used to sponsor army boxing shows.

The Association got off to a bad start with the Gus Dorazio-Gunnar Barlund fiasco. The attendance at the better bouts put on by the club, demonstrated that Denver is still ripe for outstanding shows. A local fight enthusiast is trying to buy the stock of the Association and make a fresh start.

The State Boxing Commission, like every other department of state government, had its appropriation for the next two years, materially reduced. The officials of the Commission state that they will carry on regardless of the handicaps handed out by the legislative body.

The Commission is now composed of Gus Hartung, chairman; Eddie Bohn and Vernon Cochran, the latter of Pueblo. Cochran was named by the Governor to fill out the unexpired term of Charles A. McFadden, captain in the service. W. L. (Bill) Morrissey continues as secretary, a job he has held for fifteen years.

NEWS FROM FLORIDA
By VELASQUES

AT Orlando—Young Jess Willard scored a one-round T.K.O. over Merle Tidwell, Florida welter champion, before one of the largest crowds in the past seven years. This was a Firemen's benefit card. Willard is now a member of the USMS and is awaiting call to active duty.

Joey Puig of Tampa has fought his last fight and will now devote his time to managing fighters. Puig suffered a broken leg in his bout with Ralph McNeil at the Broadway Arena. Puig, a Tampa boy, met the best of them in the flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight class and in 1937 dropped a close decision to Jackie Zurich, the flyweight champion. Puig won the bantamweight championship of the South by stopping Tommy Kiene in two rounds.

Pete Andrew, well-known Tampa manager, now in New York, tells us that he can use any Florida boys who care to fight in New York. Address him at 1440 Park Avenue.

Red Cregan won from Sailor Zalusky in eight rounds at Orlando, Fla.

Mike Koballa, Miami NTC welter, won two bouts in the New York Golden Gloves to make it 27 consecutive wins. He failed to make it 28 by dropping a close decision in the open welter finals.

Billy Lima, 118, is still going strong. He defeated Doug Lester, who outweighed him by 12 pounds, in a six-rounder at Miami. Lack of opposition in the lighter class forces him to spot his opponents plenty of poundage.

Did you know that Chino Alvarez, who knocked out Manuel Quintero in 15 seconds of the first round, was himself knocked out in 13 seconds five years later by Lew Jenkins?

Mike Firpo, the old heavy trial horse, is now employed by the Sanitation Department . . . . Help, help, help! Please send all boxing notes and results, to M. Velasques, 8 N. E. 10th St., Miami, Fla. . . . . Honolulu, April 18—Wilbert Minn of Honolulu defeated Joe Rodriguez of Tampa for the lightweight championship of the Pacific Ocean Areas . . . . Vincent Jones, 153, knocked out Dan Calcano, 150, of Puerto Rico, in three rounds at Newark, N. J. . . . . Jones has been signed to fight Lou Woods in Chicago on the 18th of May.

At Orlando—Manny Gomez, flashy Tampa welter, defeated Young Jess Willard in ten rounds and is now claiming the Florida welter title. Willard had previously knocked out Jack Larrimore, who also claimed the title.

Tommy Gomez, Tampa's heavyweight boxing star, writes his manager, Joe Leto, that a piece of mortar shell missed his heart by only two inches. He was struck in the shoulder, legs and arms, but no bones were broken.

MOLINA AGAIN BEATS MORENO

By PFC. MARK FANNON

IN the fourth of their series of bouts, Sgt. Primitivo Molina, 120, Concord, Cal., won a close fight over Pvt. Howard "Porky" Moreno, 118, Santa Barbara, Cal., held at Bury St Edmunds, in England, before 3,000 fans.

"Porky" as before, waited too long to get going. He took the last round from the weakening Molina. This makes 3 wins out of 4 for Molina. It's really too bad to have two good bantams fighting each other from the Eighth Air Force which will eliminate one from winning a championship.

Cpl. Al Reado, 152, Seattle, Wash., beat Pvt. "Wee Willie" Wright, 152, Youngstown, Ohio, by a bigger margin in their return match. Reado crowded in close throughout to make Wright punch it out with him.

Pfc. Herbie Williams, 141, New Orleans, evened the score with Cpl. Trinidad Marquez, 138, El Paso, Texas, in a 3 rounder. Herbie dropped the fast-stepping Texan and had him back-peddling most of the time to win by a wide margin.

Sgt. Jimmy Wade, 175, Birmingham, Mich., came from behind after being staggered to stop Cpl. Paul Williamson, 178, Harlem, N. Y., in the 3rd. Williamson carries a mean wallop and started the contest at a fast pace.

Pfc. Joe Lucignano, 146, Hoboken, N. J., halted Sgt. Dragan Javicich, 146, Buffalo, N. Y., in the first after shaking him with one-two punches.

Cpl. Tommy Carbonero, 161, Brooklyn, halted Pvt. Les Brown, 160, Peoria, Ill., in the third. This was another return affair.

Sgt. Bud Van Slack, 160, Syracuse, N. Y., came through in a good win by beating Pvt. Clarence Woods, 166, Harlem, N. Y., in a 3-rounder.

A team match between novice boxers of the Air Force and the Navy, saw the Navy men winning 3 out of the 5 matches.

Bill Englemirer, EM 1/c, St. Louis, 154, won the nod from Cpl. Ray Vernon, 159, Blackstone, Va.

Sgt. Robert Hooks, 122, Gastoria, N. C., decisioned Tom Black, GM 3/c, Detroit, 120, in 3 rounds.

Roy Chambers, S 1/c, 161, Cambridge, Mass., stopped Pvt. Jimmy French, 160, Kansas City, Mo., in the second.

Andy Wallace, S 1/c, 140, St. Louis, won over Pfc. Gene Donato, 139, Station, Pa.

Pvt. Don Hoar, 150, Ramgetz, Me., took Jerry Sepates, S 1/c, Buffalo, 142, in a 3-rounder.

Pvt. Fred McLaurin, 142, Gary, Ind., won the decision over Pfc. Clement Morrone, 137, Cleveland, Ohio, in another match.

Word has been received that Pfc. Richard Fannon, the writer's brother, has been wounded while fighting in Germany. Cpl. Arthur "Dusty" Fannon, another brother, is a tail gunner on a B-29, flying to Tokyo from somewhere in the Marianas. They're doing a great job, and are making a better post-war world for fellows like me.

T/5 Jesse Puente, 135, of Mercedes, Cal., and Sgt. Harold Conley, 163, of Everett, Wash., seem to be the best bets in the coming Eighth Air Force championships, when they scored impressive kayoes to win their 1st Division titles, in matches held at one of their bases.

Puente, last year's 8th Air Force lightweight champ, made short work of Sgt. Bob Sheridan, 134, Chicago, knocking him out in 56 seconds. A right to the head, followed by three stiff body blows did the trick. Sheridan had stopped Pvt. Harry Prather, 138, of Colorado Springs, Colo., in the 2nd, prior to meeting Puente.

Conley stopped both of his opponents to win the middleweight laurels. He chilled Pvt. Jerry Candella, 161, of Boston, in one heat, then went on to stop Pvt. Charlie Brown, 160, of Peoria, Ill., in 2 rounds. Conley, a short, stocky lad, is not so much on class but packs a mighty blow in his left hook.

Cpl. Paul Phaneuf, 153, Holyoke, Mass., won his title by beating Pvt. Kenneth Raymor, 148, Fayetteville, N. C., and then coming through in a savage slugging match over hard-fighting Pfc. George Yentzen, 156, Nederland, Texas, both decisions. Yentzen had won a hard fight over Sgt. Nassam Abraham, 155, Allentown, Pa., previous to deciding the top honors with Phaneuf.

Cpl. Al Lindsay, 145, San Antonio, Texas, wild swinging veteran, scored 2 kayoes to take the 145 lb. prize. Cpl. Stanley Fitterer, 144, Newark, N. J., was his first victim. The end came in the second. He then disposed of Sgt. William Kunkle, 142, Tamaqua, Pa., also in the second. Kunkle had won the decision over Cpl. Stanley Vagroski, 143, Long Island, N. Y., before meeting Lindsay.

Pfc. "King Tut" Tabor, Oakland, Cal., middleweight, has decided to cast his lot with Johnny Ray and Billy Conn after the war. Tabor is highly regarded as a post war boxing prospect.

Tabor recently returned from the Mediterranean with Conn, has been well thought of in fistic circles. He is a good all around scrapper.

In the meantime, Tut remains idle. He is not fighting until the war is over. And this may hurt him as the fans may forget him before he gets back to Pittsburgh where he intends making his home. The fans will miss seeing him in the 8th Air Force championships.

The Air Service Command had a show at one of their Depots and the old favorites came through as expected.

Cpl. Leo Matriciani, 210, Baltimore, floored Sgt. "Wild Bill" Mason, Negro, of Detroit for a 7 count, then went on to pound out a decision over him. This is the second win for Leo over Mason, a tough hombre.

T/Sgt. Frankie Albano, 195, Long Island, N. Y., former heavyweight champ of Iceland, stopped Cpl. John Thelan, 185, Long Island, N. Y., in the second. Thelan is a pretty good boy but seems to be pitted against too stiff opposition at this stage.

Sgt. Ray Wyzkiewicz, 126, Buffalo, N. Y., is the lad to watch this year. By taking the decision over classy Cpl. Georgie Coyle, 125, New York, he beat about the best boy around. Ray is in good shape and is a two-fisted punching fool at close range.

Cpl. Wee Willie Wright, 152, Youngstown, Ohio, although the loser by three close decisions in his last three meetings, is still very much in the running in the 155 lb. class. He beat Pfc. Johnny Ruth, 147, Philadelphia boy, in a three rounder to represent his class.

Sgt. Aaron Kahn, 173, cocky Brooklyn puncher stopped T/5 Paul Williamson, 175, Negro, of New York, in the second. Kahn is cool under fire, game and a hard hitter. It will take a good boy to beat him.

Pvt. Nick Guagliardo, 145, New Orleans veteran, stopped Pfc. Fred McLaurin, 144, Gary, Ind., in the first heat. Nick, a southpaw, hasn't been fighting, but now back in harness, gives the ASC another strong contender.

Cpl. "Babe" LaButta, 118, Uniontown, Pa., beat Pfc. Tom Dean, 119, Chattanooga, Tenn., for the right to represent the bantams. You can't sell LaButta short either. In good condition he can cause an upset.

Sgt. Siggie Lander sure does things the hard way. It wasn't enough that he had been judging fights at Rainbow Corner and in the last few shows refereeing, but in the closing show at the Corner he boxed a hard fast exhibition with Cpl. Al Reado, that hard punching Seattle Negro, 150-pounder. It was a nice close range battle all the way.

Hawaii Champs Crowned

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Also present were Lt. Ted Morgan, U. S. Coast Guard; Captain Jim Braddock, former world's heavyweight champion; Major Art Hilliger, special service officer Army Port and Service Command; Al Wonder, Honolulu sportsman; boxing officials Allan Dodd, Walter Cho, Dick Chang, Willie Whittle, Peter Thomas, Kenneth Olds and Adrian Lee; and members of the Schofield Barracks Post staff including Colonel Henry DuPree, Major K. S. Vandergrift, Major R. E. Nunes, Capt. A. T. Montaginno, Capt. L. O. Anderson and the commanding general of the Army Port and Service Command, Brigadier General Roy E. Blount.

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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
By DANNY MYERS

HARRISBURG is seeing action in the squared circle. Al Cox opened the professional boxing doors of Madrid Palestra with Johnny "Pug" Lehman of York as the matchmaker. The Cox and Lehman duet gave the boxing hungry fans a thriller when they had South Harrisburg's pride, Rocky Luciano, 163, and Georgie Williams, 159, of Baltimore, Md., as the headliners, with Williams the victor. Luciano was fighting his 110th bout in facing the Baltimorean.

In a six-rounder, Carrington McNutt, 182, Baltimore, beat Stoney Jackson, 178, Pittsburgh, Pa. Jackson was down as the bell sounded ending the bout.

The semi-windup found Johnny "Red" Fees, 139, Lebanon, winning by a T.K.O. in the fifth stanza over Kid Lewis, 141, Washington, D. C. These boys stood toe-to-toe in the third and let go with everything they had.

Bobby Waters, 132, Harrisburg, Pa., was defeated by Lee Murray, 128, Baltimore, Md., in a six-rounder that spelled action from gong to gong. Murray came off the canvas in the first round to take the decision.

Billy Gray, 119, Harrisburg, Pa., beat Pee Wee Brown, 121, Baltimore, Md. It was Gray's first start as a boxer. The bout was a four-rounder.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Cox and Lehman again presented their boxing card and this time Jess Moraney, 152, pride of Harrisburg, defeated the lanky Georgie Williams, 152, Baltimore, Md., in the ten-round feature bout. Moraney downed the Baltimore lad at times for counts but the lion-hearted Williams came back for more.

Moraney suffered a bad cut over the left eye. Verbecken stopped the bout long enough to have the club physician, Dr. Charles Crampton, examine the optic and stamp his OK on the bout to be continued.

In the semi-windup Johnny "Red" Fees, 139, Lebanon, Pa., was stopped in the fourth round by Tommy Daniels, 138, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Other bouts: Billy Gray, 119, Harrisburg, Pa., won decision over Eddie Mullen, 122, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in the four-rounder. Billy Johnson, 140, Philadelphia, Pa., won K.O. in 15 seconds of the first round over Marty Barbra, 140, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Pete Peterson, 128, Harrisburg, Pa., lost by K.O. in the fifth round to Jesse Watson, 132, Philadelphia, Pa.

Myers' fighters are busy. Frankie Conn, Bobby Ross and Jesse James were on the bill at Binghamton on March 14. Ross suffered a broken jaw in his bout with Freddie Patterson; Conn fought Joe Miller, Buffalo, in the ten-round feature bout, and James tackled the port-sider, Joey Kushner of Syracuse.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Al Cox and Ike Wolfe, promoter and matchmaker, respectively, must be commended in the presentation of their third boxing bill in the Capital City. There were about 1800 cheering fans in attendance and they were well pleased with the bouts.

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Tommy Daniels, so-called Black Panther of Pittsburgh, who disposed of Johnny (Red) Fees on the previous bill, met his Waterloo at the hands of Dynamiter Billy Nixon, the Ebony Puncher of Philadelphia. Nixon came in at 145 to 138½ for Daniels. The bout came to its climax in the second stanza when a terrific right caught Daniels flush in the stomach and he was counted out.

Jack Petroskie, 139-pound coal hackie from Shamokin, Pa., made his debut as a pro against Battling Kid Lewis, Baltimore, Md., 140¾, in a six-rounder. They stood in front of each other and slugged away and Petroskie won the duke.

Other bouts: Joey Murphy, 146, Harrisburg, former Golden Gloves champ, lost via a K.O. to Lew Phillips, Baltimore, Md., 140. This was also a slugfest and went on after the main bout. Willie Palmer, 135, Philadelphia, was marked for a K.O. at the hands of Paul Powell, 138, Pittsburgh. Palmer was on the canvas for a nine-count and came up in a dazed condition and in his excitement Powell lost Palmer for a split second in the ropes and Palmer came in with a beautiful punch that caught the bewildered Powell and the bout was over. Palmer won by a K.O. at 1:30 of the first.

An extra bout that was put on found Jimmy Lumpkins, 160, of Harrisburg, Pa., victorious over Al Robinson, 155, the fancy dan from Steelton, Pa.

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